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William & Mary hosted its first Black Alumni Reunion on May 6-8 on the university's campus with a series of programs, ceremonies and receptions honoring the Black experience at W&M. Watch a video and read more at magazine.wm.edu/first-black-alumni-reunion.



ALUMNI FOCUS

Why Should I Volunteer?

**BY HOWARD J. BUSBEE '65, J.D. '67,
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Interim CEO, William & Mary Alumni Association

Have you ever wondered, “Why should I raise my hand to volunteer my time, talents and support for William & Mary?” Many of your fellow alumni have asked the same question. Perhaps you care deeply about what happens next at the Alma Mater of the Nation. Perhaps you have professional expertise that could benefit an advisory board. Perhaps you remember the opportunities you were given as a student, and want to return the favor.

Or perhaps you want to reconnect and want others to reconnect with our beloved university. Whatever the reason, rewarding volunteer opportunities await you.

As a student racing across campus when I was late for class, or sitting in the stands at an athletics event, it never came to mind that I'd someday be interested in volunteering — but over the years, literally thousands of us have done exactly that in service to our Tribe community.

Volunteer leaders are vital partners in engaging with our 100,000+ alumni worldwide. They include alumni and friends who have raised their hands to say they want to give their time and resources to connect with and advance the William & Mary Alumni Association (WMAA), organizations across our campus, and one another. For example, volunteers have stepped forward to serve:

- On our WMAA Board of Directors and other university boards
- On the advisory boards and Leadership Circles for our identity and affinity groups (see wmalumni.com/affinity), including the inaugural Crim Dell Association Advisory Board that was formed this summer
- In our regional networks around the country
- For our class reunions and as class ambassadors
- As mentors or internship sponsors for current students and recent graduates to help further our career development initiatives, which are a crucial part of the university's Vision 2026 strategic plan (wm.edu/vision2026)

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- *As guest speakers for W&M classes or as panel discussion participants for special programs*
- *In the admission volunteer network*
- *By getting involved with W&M professional networks*

Whether you have a little time to give or a lot, there are many ways to get involved.

For my wife, Mary, and me, serving the W&M community as volunteers over the years has been a highly rewarding experience. Our volunteerism has included service as members of the WMAA and various other foundation boards, the Lord Botetourt Athletic Auction Committee, the Olde Guard Council, and as current co-chairs of The Honorable Robert Boyle Legacy Society.

We have received back far more than we've given, watching the positive effects that volunteer efforts

have made across the William & Mary universe while building lasting friendships. If you choose to invest in this way, we're confident that you will serve alongside other highly motivated people who really appreciate your giving back, and it comes with the guarantee that you will grow the value of your diploma! You'll do good things for the university, and you'll make connections that will benefit you.

As you read this column, please know that I feel fortunate to represent you, our alumni, and to support the important work of alumni engagement in my role as the interim CEO of the WMAA. Along this pathway leading to our next CEO, I hope to see many more of you support W&M as volunteers. Please visit wmalumni.com/volunteer to review the interest form and "raise your hand" ... thank you!

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FROM THE BRAFFERTON

W&M's Greatest Tradition

BY KATHERINE A. ROWE

William & Mary President

We opened William & Mary's 330th academic year at Convocation in August. New graduate and transfer students joined the Class of 2026 and walked through the Wren to roaring cheers. As the temperature cooled at sunset, the Wren glowed with green and gold.

W&M's Class of 2026 arrives from a record-sized applicant pool. They come from across the world. Their backgrounds are cosmopolitan — including varied nations, religious traditions, ethnicities, political perspectives and academic passions. Their differing viewpoints sharpen our collective understanding and spark creativity.

They matriculate at W&M at a pressing moment: Attacks on democracy have intensified at home and abroad. Their generation is maturing at a time when deep divisions in the United States have sown mistrust in institutions, from government to corporations, from higher education to journalism. And they will graduate during the 250th anniversary of our republic.

Embracing the value of disagreement — recognizing that their growth depends on exploring divergent ideas — will be vital for the Class of 2026. Chancellor Robert M. Gates '65, L.H.D. '98 has described this as a moment of challenge and opportunity. A great university today must redress "our growing inability to discuss our differences civilly, with an open mind and an open heart."

This ethos of learning-through-dispute is rooted in a desire to seek truth and a commitment to facts as a common good. I am reminded of Milton's argument against censorship, in *Areopagitica*: "When there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good persons is but knowledge in the making." The same ethos underpins the civil liberties outlined in the U.S. Bill of Rights — especially freedom of expression, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly.

These liberties trace back through the Virginia Declaration of Rights to the English Declaration of Right signed by King William III and Queen Mary II in 1689. In 1776, W&M students were already building a community around these principles — as we can see in the founding of Phi Beta Kappa. And yet, the civil liberties our country was founded for were systematically denied to many. Understanding this history helps to articulate why upholding these precepts and extending them to all matters so much now.

Given this history, a core claim of Vision 2026, W&M's strategic plan, is that no institution is better positioned than W&M to tell the story of our nation's first 250 years. None can better prepare the next generation of citizens and professionals. Here is what we aim to accomplish by the semiquincentennial.

With our partners in the region, W&M aims to make Williamsburg the national destination for understanding the complex history of the United States. As our close partners in Colonial Williamsburg put it, our goal is to ensure "that our nation's origin story is every American's shared story." Home to the top Colonial history program in the country, W&M is at the epicenter of new stories.

To give one example of the extraordinary discoveries underway, last year W&M began a joint reconstruction project with Colonial Williamsburg of the original 1760 Bray School. Discovered inside Digges Hall, the structure is the oldest extant schoolhouse in the Northern Hemisphere built for the education of free and enslaved Black children. These children, we believe, grew up to organize First Baptist Church in 1776. W&M's new Bray School Lab seeks to center African American legacies like these at the founding of American democracy. Stay tuned for more centennials and more discoveries to come.

W&M will lead by cultivating an open community of dialogue and robust debate around tough issues. As Milton contends, disagreement is essential to intellectual and moral growth. At W&M, we lay the foundation for constructive dialogue by affirming the inherent dignity of every individual. From this bedrock of mutual respect, we can cultivate environments in which students share divergent views, wrestle productively with competing ideas, build strong arguments from facts, and test their thinking — always respecting one another as people with "much desire to learn."

With this principle in mind, student affairs is leading a Building Connections & Bridging Differences Initiative to "promote empathy and encourage civil discourse around difficult topics and contrasting viewpoints." Additionally, this fall, all new students completed a series of online interactive lessons, *Perspectives*, developed by the Constructive Dialogue Institute: learning "evidence-based skills for constructive conversations." W&M continues to expand digital and data literacy throughout our curricula, so students graduate equipped for evidence-based argument and savvy to falsehoods and distortions. Watch for more from the university's democracy initiative as we elevate Vision 2026's commitment to practicing and promoting democratic ideals "in the pursuit of a more perfect union."

With each generation, W&M has graduated leaders who have served our nation and sought to perfect our democracy. As the Chancellor reminds us at Commencement, this "is the oldest and greatest tradition of this ancient institution, this Alma Mater of the Nation."

A portrait of Zachary Price '22, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white button-down shirt. He is standing with his arms crossed against a dark grey background.

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Zachary Price '22

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A MISSION OF SERVICE

Bridging the Divide

*Supporting veterans and military
students and alumni at W&M*

BY JACOB A. MILLER '18

JAMAR JENKINS M.B.A. '18, M.S.B.A. '20 SERVED in the U.S. Army as a company commander stationed at Fort Eustis in Newport News, Virginia. While serving our nation on active duty, he was drawn to William & Mary both because of the university's academic reputation and its long-standing tradition of supporting veterans and military members. And, he says, its reputation for getting results.

"I am only three years out of William & Mary," says Jenkins, "with no corporate experience before coming to W&M — thanks to the support I received as a student and the experience of a William & Mary education, I'm now in an incredible job at an international firm. That wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for W&M's commitment to ensuring veterans and military members thrive."

William & Mary has a long history of supporting both veterans and active-duty members of the United States' armed forces. In the last five years, the university's capacity for providing resources, programs and network connections to the thousands of veterans in the W&M community has increased drastically thanks to philanthropic involvement, community engagement and motivated university administrators.

"Every year approximately 158,000 veterans transition out of the service — and 15,000, almost 10%, do

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BY LARGE

TRADITIONS OF SERVICE:

President Rowe stands with members of the William & Mary veteran and active-duty military community before the annual Veterans Day bell-ringing ceremony in 2020. The bell is slowly tolled by a student veteran in honor of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Opposite page: Phillip Sheldon '21, former machine gunner for the U.S. Marine Corps, tolls the Wren Bell on Veterans Day 2020 after a ceremony marking the occasion.

so within a 60-minute drive of William & Mary,” says Jonathan “JD” Due, executive director of the Center for Military Transition at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. “Geographically and culturally, William & Mary is uniquely positioned to be a national leader to connect our veteran and military students with resources that will allow them to have untold positive impact in our communities.”

While they are here, it is vital that student veterans should feel fully a part of the W&M family and fully supported, says Charlie Foster M.Ed. '17, director of the Office of Student Veteran Engagement. “There are a lot of fates out there that can be avoided by increased community engagement, listening and support,” he says. “There is a broadening gap between those who have served in the military and those who haven’t — it’s important for people to know individuals who have served and hear their stories for the health of our whole community. We have to bridge those divides.”

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

William & Mary lies at the center of a national security hub — from Hampton Roads to Washington, D.C., the region is home to major military commands from all service branches, including nearly 100,000 active-duty and more than 500,000 veteran personnel, the highest concentration on the East Coast.

To better serve these populations, in fall 2019 William & Mary’s Office of Student Veteran

Engagement (OSVE) opened as a two-year pilot program thanks to the generous support of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. Then in 2020, the university established a cutting-edge Veteran-to-Executive Transition program (VET) to support W&M’s veteran and active-duty students and to help those who serve our country transition successfully into the civilian workforce. W&M VET includes the Center for Military Transition, the Whole of Government Center of Excellence, and the OSVE, all of which became a reality through the generosity of an anonymous alumna.

Veterans and military service members account for approximately 250 of the 900 students in graduate business degree programs, and more than 350 veterans and active-duty service members attend the university. Hundreds of other veterans and active-duty service members are enrolled in various certificate courses offered through the VET program.

“William & Mary is leading the way forward in the higher education sphere in supporting these populations,” says Kay Floyd '05, director of W&M’s Whole of Government Center of Excellence (WGCE). Floyd received her undergraduate degree in government from W&M.

With a pioneering whole-of-university approach, she says, W&M is able to leverage resources across the university, its interdisciplinary strengths, online certificate and degree offerings and its expanding



PHOTO: JIM AGNEW

array of programs to support the men and women who have served our nation and who go on to lead in their communities.

For example, W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business and the Center for Mindfulness and Authentic Excellence offered a June 2022 pilot certificate program, "Flourishing in Life Transitions." The program hosted 20 transitioning service members and, according to Due, feedback was extremely positive.

Now, Floyd says, as the university aims to expand W&M's reach, evolve to excel and educate for impact as part of the new strategic Vision 2026 plan, "With the help of increased philanthropic support, William & Mary is poised to achieve even more in the years to come."

Floyd explains the university-wide focus of these programs through the lens of the WGCE, which works across the university to assist with training, education and research related to national security. "That could be the education of a lieutenant colonel seeking to complete one of our certificates in strategic broadening," she says. "It could be the undergraduate wanting to undertake research in government or it could be the student veteran wanting to pursue an internship that could completely change their career."

Additionally, the WGCE acts as a vital hub for all things W&M and national security: career partners, the military and federal agencies, military alliances, undergraduate internships and organizations that provide grants to the university.

The VET program seeks to augment additional offerings and services throughout W&M's schools and departments. To learn more, please visit magazine.wm.edu/bridging-the-divide.

Another critical organization in the network of programs and resources for veterans and military is the alumni-led Association of 1775 (Ao75), an affinity group for William & Mary alumni who have previously served or are actively serving across the U.S. government. In addition to events such as the popular Ao75 breakfast during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Ao75 is a critical way the university and the W&M Alumni Association engage with the broader community of active-duty service members, civil servants and alumni veterans.

TRANSITIONS, TRADITIONS & TRANSFORMATIONS

Originally from Houston, Texas, Due graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and went on to serve over 20 years on active duty as an armored cavalry officer, with several deployments to Iraq and an assignment teaching history on the faculty of the U.S. Military Academy. Due was drawn to lead the Center for Military Transition thanks in part to his own experience transitioning out of the military.

"When I retired from the Army, one of the challenges I faced was envisioning what was going to come next in my life," Due says. "I discovered that I was

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar to join fellow veteran and active-duty alumni and students at the following events in November 2022:

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VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES**

**NOV. 12 — W&M FOOTBALL VS. VILLANOVA,
MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY**

**NOV. 12 — MILITARY APPRECIATION TAILGATE
AT THE W&M ALUMNI HOUSE**

NOV. 19 — MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ARMY

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actually asking myself the wrong question. It's not 'What do I want to do?' — it's 'Who do I want to be?'"

As he entered a new career of service outside the uniform, Due quickly discovered he wanted to help others answer that question. He says his work at W&M and the programs across the university are about empowering people to flourish and to belong. By combining their experience in the military with the educational opportunities afforded at William & Mary, the individuals who come through these programs are uniquely positioned to become transformational leaders in communities across the commonwealth, our country and the world.

"A unique military lived experience, when augmented with a world-class education, can create boundless new opportunities," says Due. "That is what makes this program so important, the impact beyond W&M."

Foster is also a veteran. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 2002 and served as a combat correspondent for the Armed Forces Network. After separating from the Corps, he went on to earn his master's degree in higher education administration from William & Mary, focusing on student veterans' transition from the military into academia. His master's thesis examined the history of military members stationed at William & Mary during World War II, as well as veterans who attended immediately after the war.

"One of the highest honors of my career has been

expanding on that history," Foster says, "building new partnerships and supplementing programs across the university to support this community on campus."

A STORIED HISTORY, A BRIGHTER FUTURE

"Our primary operating verbs are 'to develop' and 'to empower' our student veterans and the active-duty personnel that we have here at William & Mary," says Due. "As we do so, we have the power to go from where we are now, an extremely veteran-inclusive and veteran-friendly university, and expand our impact to become a veteran-empowering community."

Foster hopes that the OSVE can broaden support for student veterans to provide child care and engage their spouses as well. He would like to expand partnerships, focus on research, bring in interns, build his team to include an assistant director and maybe even secure an OSVE vehicle to help student veterans run errands, make appointments and get to campus.

Due reflects, "We are positioned to take advantage of the opportunity we have to empower a significant source of talent. With increased support, we can make this not just a transition experience, but a truly transformative experience for everyone in our community."



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LEADING ROLES:
CBS executive Joan Showalter '55 (right) was a mentor for women at the network, including longtime friend Karen Beldegreen HON '06.

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PAY IT FORWARD

THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

\$14.4 million bequest supports W&M business scholarships

BY TINA ESHLEMAN



WHEN JOAN SHOWALTER '55 SPOKE, PEOPLE listened.

Former Raymond A. Mason School of Business Dean Lawrence B. Pulley '74, P '13, P '15 says that's because of the trailblazing CBS executive's charismatic presence — and because her advice was on the mark.

Showalter rose through the ranks at the network to become senior vice president of human resources during a time when few women occupied high-level positions. Pulley recalls feeling nervous the first few times he talked with her when he was beginning his tenure as dean of the business school in 1998.

"I knew that counsel would be coming," he says. "I also knew it would be good counsel. I learned through my conversations with Joan over the years that you need to stay clearly focused on setting a vision and thinking about how we can make progress on a day-to-day basis."

For Showalter, who passed away Feb. 12 at age 88, Pulley became a treasured friend and confidant, as well as a liaison to her beloved alma mater. She maintained connections to the university by serving on the boards of the William & Mary Foundation and

Business School Foundation.

She and Karen Beldegreen HON '06, a longtime friend of Showalter's and a former colleague at CBS, formed close relationships with other William & Mary alumni during dozens of Alumni Journeys to destinations such as Kenya, Italy, Egypt and Russia. Beldegreen died at age 71 on June 24, 2021.

Through their estates, Showalter and Beldegreen provided a \$14.4 million bequest to establish four new graduate and undergraduate scholarships at the business school and expand the existing Lura Dixon Showalter Merit MBA Fellowship established in 1994 in honor of Showalter's mother.

With the new gift, William & Mary surpassed the goal of raising \$350 million for scholarships, an effort that continued after the *For the Bold* campaign concluded in June 2020. Scholarships remain a top fundraising priority for the university.

Showalter was especially interested in helping underrepresented students and scholars from Virginia who otherwise might not be able to attend William & Mary, Pulley says. Two of the new scholarships are named for Showalter and Beldegreen. The other two are named for their fathers, Edwin Dove Showalter

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and Ernest Beldegreen.

Kate DeBruin, executor of the estates for both Showalter and Beldegreen, says that by 2025, it is estimated that there could be 25 students receiving Showalter-Beldegreen scholarships.

“The impact will be huge — the doors it will open, the lives it will change and the connections it will make,” says Pulley, who retired on June 30. “The students who receive this sort of support will be mindful of that. They will remember and they will give back.”

When they do, they will be following Showalter’s example. She had been a generous donor over the decades since she graduated from William & Mary with a bachelor of science in psychology in 1955.

Showalter saw education as crucial for her own career advancement and that of others. After graduating from William & Mary, she worked as a licensed social worker in Virginia for several years. She then moved to California, where she became personnel manager and later director of personnel at the Reuben H. Donnelly publishing company.

After earning a master’s degree in psychology at Columbia University in New York City, Showalter joined Columbia Broadcasting System — now CBS — in 1966.

Nancy Widmann, one of the authors of the book “I Didn’t See It Coming – The Only Book You’ll Ever Need to Avoid Being Blindsided in Business,” worked with Showalter at CBS and the two became friends. In the book, Widmann writes that “Joan became the respected and admired head of HR and was known affectionately as the ‘godmother’ of CBS.”

Showalter’s legacy included helping employees

prepare for retirement through development of the network’s Pre-Retirement Education Program. In a 1981 interview with The New York Times, she said there was a need to address questions about inflation, tax laws, pensions and benefits as employees made decisions on when to retire. “I think 10 years from now it will be the rare major corporation that doesn’t have something like this,” she told the newspaper.

She was a mentor for other women at CBS, among them Jessica Savitch, whom she hired in an entry-level role, helping her gain an audition for a broadcast news job in a smaller city, according to the book “Hard News: Women in Journalism.” Savitch later became a weekend news anchor for NBC.

Showalter was also a mentor and lifelong friend to Beldegreen, who started working at CBS as a secretary in 1971. A native New Yorker, Beldegreen graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she majored in French, and then attended secretarial school in New York City. When Beldegreen met Showalter and expressed an interest in working in human resources, Showalter offered her a position on the condition that she obtain a master’s degree.

“Karen was terrified because she hadn’t been in school for years,” says DeBruin, daughter of Joan DeBruin, Beldegreen’s college sorority sister, and Beldegreen’s goddaughter. “She was trepidatious, but she did it.”

Beldegreen completed her MBA at New York University in 1983 and advanced to the role of vice president in human resources at CBS. She retired in 1999, three years after Showalter, who had moved to her hometown of Roanoke to care for her mother.

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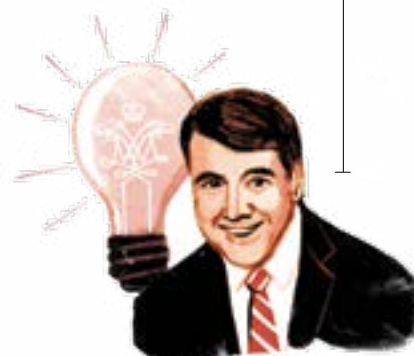
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MORE MOORADIAN

BUSINESS SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW DEAN

Todd Mooradian, award-winning teacher, scholar and administrator, began his role as dean of William & Mary’s Raymond A. Mason School of Business on Aug. 15. • Mooradian previously served as dean of the College of Business at the University of Louisville. This position is a return to William & Mary, where he was a professor for 27 years and most recently associate dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs at the Mason School from 2014 to 2017. His selection follows a national search to succeed Lawrence B. Pulley ’74, P ’13, P ’15, who retired June 30 after 24 years as dean. • “An experienced leader and scholar, Dr. Mooradian has a deep appreciation for William & Mary’s learning mission. We are delighted to welcome him back,” said President Katherine A. Rowe. “Under Vision 2026, W&M will graduate principled, data-savvy professionals who are prepared to thrive in every stage of their careers. Todd Mooradian will advance these goals of curricular innovation with dedication and verve.”

—RAYMOND A. MASON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS



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Beldegreen joined her friend in Southwest Virginia and the two women lived next door to each other at Smith Mountain Lake beginning in 2003.

In retirement, the former career women remained active with volunteer work and enjoyed traveling with friends. They took a total of 34 Alumni Journeys through William & Mary, beginning with a 1999 safari in Kenya. On that trip, they formed friendships with Tom Zeni M.B.A. '75 and Lauris Zeni '72, Betsy Calvo Anderson '70 and the late Alvin Anderson '70.

"Joan was a great storyteller," Lauris Zeni says. "She never met a stranger. She was kind, always interested in other people's ideas and what they had to say. She was remarkable."

Showalter served on the W&M Business School Foundation board from 1980-1990 and remained engaged as an emeritus member. She also served on William & Mary Foundation from 1984-1990. She received the Alumni Medallion — the most prestigious award given by the W&M Alumni Association — in 1985 and the Douglas N. Morton '62 Alumni Service Award in 2002.

A savvy investor, she started a Women's Investing Network at Smith Mountain Lake. Even during the last year of her life, when she was in a long-term care facility after being seriously injured in a fall, she would meet regularly with a stockbroker.

After Showalter introduced Beldegreen to William & Mary through the alumni trips, Beldegreen participated in the Roanoke alumni chapter's Habitat for Humanity projects and served as its website administrator. In 2006, the W&M Alumni Association board recognized her as an honorary alumna.

A large portion of Beldegreen's estate was left to Showalter and combined with her estate to form the \$14.4 million bequest. Their decision to use their estates to create scholarships stemmed from a desire to help others succeed as they had done, DeBruin says.

"They knew that they could make an impact with the amount of money they had available to them," she says. "It was an opportunity to help generations of people get started in their careers."

One student already benefiting from their generosity is Katelyn Housler M.B.A. '23, a recipient of the Lura Dixon Showalter fellowship. She hopes to pursue a career in marketing for a company that promotes sustainable initiatives.

Housler met earlier this year with Kate DeBruin and her mother, Joan, and learned a bit more about Joan Showalter.

"It was amazing to hear about her legacy as one of the first heads of HR at CBS," Housler says. "Just to be able to look up to someone like that inspires you to pave your own path and try to work as hard as you can, so you can leave a similar legacy."

PATHFINDERS

NEW VIMS SCHOLARSHIP HONORS OWENS



With its latest generous commitment, the Owens Foundation has created the Carroll W. Owens, Jr. Scholarship Endowment at William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in honor of Carroll W. Owens, Jr. '62, P '90, P '92. Funds distributed from this endowment will provide scholarship, internship and living expense stipend support for Master of Arts graduate students at W&M's School of Marine Science. • This is the first endowed academic and internship scholarship for the Professional Master of Arts program, which was added to VIMS' Master of Science and Ph.D. offerings in fall 2021. The new interdisciplinary degree, which was championed by Owens, is a key component of the water initiative in William & Mary's Vision 2026 strategic plan. Students in the M.A. program gain cross-industry skills that will help establish William & Mary as a leader in finding innovative solutions to ensure the resilience of the world's oceans, coasts and waterways. • On April 29, the Owens Foundation and the Owens family were honored with the Pathfinder Award, the highest external honor bestowed by VIMS. • Read more at magazine.wm.edu/owens-scholarship. — CLAIRE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21

Consider Freedom of Speech

Perspectives on how to hold difficult conversations with respect

BY VIVIAN E. HAMILTON & ANDREW D. STELLJES

“**W**ILLIAM & MARY WILL LEAD ESSENTIAL efforts to practice and promote democratic ideals in the pursuit of a more perfect union.” That’s the key tenet of W&M’s democracy initiative, part of the Vision 2026 strategic plan. Freedom of speech has long been held as a cornerstone democratic ideal — but what does free speech look like on a college campus today?

The 2021 Viewfinder Campus Climate Surveys found that 25% of William & Mary students are not comfortable expressing their political opinion on campus. In the two essays that follow, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Andrew D. Stelljes and W&M Law School Professor Vivian E. Hamilton present their views on how the university can foster open dialogue with curiosity and respect and in doing so, cultivate independent thinkers who are committed to strengthening the democratic ideals on which our nation was founded.

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FREE SPEECH ISN'T CONSEQUENCE-FREE SPEECH

By Vivian E. Hamilton

An inclusive campus that works to ensure a sense of belonging for all of its students can — and under existing law, must — coexist with a commitment to students’ free speech.

First, let’s be clear about what the law requires. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution constrains the ability of public universities like William & Mary to restrict student speech and expression. The administration may not censor or punish speech simply because a person or group considers it offensive or even hateful. Universities may, however, restrict or punish speech that falls within legal definitions of harassment, true threats (such as racial epithets directed at a person of color), and other unprotected speech acts (such as speech that disrupts classes or campus activities, including disrupting speakers).

Thus, students who hold political views with which others on campus disagree should feel reassured that both law and university policy protect their right to free speech.

An entitlement to free speech, however, is not the same as an entitlement to consequence-free speech. Students (ideally) attend universities to learn. They should be prepared to listen to challenges to their views and to consider opposing viewpoints. Universities should encourage students to embrace the vulnerability inherent in abandoning the intellectual safety of political and cultural echo chambers.

At the same time, William & Mary and other universities must also ensure students’ dignitary safety — the sense of being treated as equal and valued members of the community. Thus, while administrators may not prohibit offensive or even hateful speech, they ought not permit such speech to go unanswered. Hateful speech can cause real emotional pain and dignitary harm. When it occurs, campus officials must promptly and in no uncertain terms denounce hate as inconsistent with the university’s values and the type of community the university aspires to be.

A final word: What I have described is currently the law. But should it be the law? Should public universities be permitted to punish offensive or hateful speech? If experience is to be our guide, the answer is no.

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LISTENING WITH CURIOSITY IS VITAL FOR BUILDING A BETTER SOCIETY

By Andrew D. Stelljes

Last September, a student who had just made it through the turmoil of the first year of COVID-19 shared with me: “Wouldn’t it be great if [William & Mary] was an experiment on how to do life better? If every time there was a problem on campus, we all came together to discuss it peacefully and respectfully instead of going to our sorority (or club or friends) and complaining about how the other group is wrong. Wouldn’t that be better?”

One painful example of the opposite outcome is when protesters shut down a scheduled talk about

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the First Amendment co-sponsored by the student-run programming organization Alma Mater Productions (AMP). It was in 2017, and Claire Guthrie Gastañaga, then executive director of the ACLU in Virginia, was scheduled to speak at W&M. Before she could begin, however, student protesters shouted her down, citing the ACLU's defense of Unite the Right rally organizer Jason Kessler's effort to obtain a permit to demonstrate in Charlottesville two months before. This ended, for the moment at least, any possibility of dialogue.

On topics such as climate change, gender equity, race relations, voting, immigration and how we teach history — including whose names are commemorated on buildings — America's polarization is reflected here at William & Mary.

We have an opportunity to nurture the practice of listening to and learning from each other. We can invest in capturing student passion, enthusiasm

and intellectual interests by deeply committing to curiosity and to understanding how a person came to a place of deep conviction, especially when we wholly disagree and are affected personally. And what courage that takes — to be truly curious when our freedom is being threatened.

We can capitalize on our tradition of community and build a culture of curious engagement. In doing so, we will prepare students to become leaders who are able to curate conversations on difficult topics. A daunting but crucial task. To sustain our system of democracy as a “shining city on a hill,” it's important that we re-invest in the American experiment by giving our students the tools and practice they need to bridge our nation's divides and build a better future.

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W&M BREAKS GROUND ON ATHLETICS COMPLEX

On May 9, William & Mary broke ground on the W&M Athletics Complex. With a new sports performance center and upgraded Kaplan Arena, among other facilities, the reimagined home for William & Mary Athletics will transform the game-day experience for the entire W&M community. It will advance excellence in all 23 varsity sports programs and enhance the university's facilities. • A significant portion of the project's cost has been committed to date through philanthropy, with the majority of funds provided by leadership gifts from Katie Garrett Boehly '95 and Todd Boehly '96, as well as Jennifer Tepper Mackesy '91 and D. Scott Mackesy '91. • W&M President Katherine A. Rowe said that while the complex will provide an obvious boost for athletics, it will benefit the entire university. • “The renovations we are creating as part of this complex will make this a fitting home for William & Mary Athletics and the whole university,” she said. “That's what we're beginning as we put our shovels in the ground today.” To learn more about how you can support the W&M Athletics Complex, please visit tribeathletics.com/feature/wmcomplex.

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WHAT'S YOUR &?

Career Center campaign celebrates student 'ands'

BY LESLIE MCCULLOUGH M.B.A. '17

FINANCE & PHILOSOPHY. PLANETS & PLAYERS. Stats & Synergy. At William & Mary, the ampersand is more than a symbol. It connects and highlights the many facets of our students' lives.

W&M's excellence grows from the power of the "&," and the unlimited potential it offers our students. The "&" is often used to underscore W&M's unique culture of encouraging students to combine seemingly disparate opportunities and pursue them in a powerful way.

Each year, student "ands" are celebrated through the Office of Career Development & Professional Engagement's Ampersand Campaign. The effort is designed to visually showcase students' passions and accomplishments and feature how students are using their skills and becoming

career-ready throughout their time at W&M.

One of the students recently featured in the campaign is Katie English '22, who balanced her role as co-president of Girls Who Invest, a national organization for women in finance, with ethics and social philosophy classes to explore a future finance industry career.

Mikayla Huffman '22, another featured student, combined research work in spectroscopy and planetary imaging with being a dungeon master for her Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) group, where she learned to build teamwork and community, skills she will use in her future research career.

"Students have great stories to tell, and if we can tell these stories and promote what we are doing at the career center, it's a win-win," says



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Cristen McQuillan, who oversaw the campaign for several years and is assistant director for creative careers in Career Development & Professional Engagement. “This campaign fits well into what W&M tries to do; we are not just one thing.”

Adam Farris ’24 is managing the student-run campaign this year. As a marketing assistant at Career Development & Professional Engagement, he helps plan every aspect of the campaign, from deciding whom to feature to the photo location and props.

“I remember seeing the campaign posters in the Cohen Career Center window when I toured W&M as a prospective student, and I liked that they emphasized doing more than studying,” says Farris. “The campaign helps showcase what is possible at W&M and how students here are different from students at other universities.”

As an economics major and finance minor as well as a photographer and member of the Gentlemen of the College a cappella group, Farris has undoubtedly created his own “ands.” One of his favorite parts of the project is meeting other students and learning about their “ands.”

“It is great to hear how others combine their interests for their post-graduation plans,” says Farris. “It is interesting to see how career aspirations align with what students are studying and how their activities on campus complement this.”

Each year, Career Development & Professional Engagement receives as many as 30 nominations for students to feature in the campaign. The nominees are then asked to respond to a questionnaire to provide more details about how their academics and activities relate to their career goals.

In the questionnaire, students describe in detail something they are passionate about or involved in that shows their mastery of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) Career Readiness Competencies, which include career and self-development, communication, critical thinking, equity and inclusion, leadership, professionalism, teamwork and technology.

“The campaign is a way to highlight career-readiness skills,” says McQuillan. “It’s a great way for Career Development & Professional Engagement to engage students in thinking about their career planning. Students really react to the campaign and want to get involved.”

Once the nominee questionnaires are received, six students representing a diverse range of “ands” are selected, three in the fall and three in the spring. The students are featured on posters, which are hung in the Cohen Career Center and around campus, in the Sadler Center and near the activities and departments represented in the student highlights. The campaign also appears on the Career Development & Professional Engagement website and shared on the office’s

LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

“I love the idea of pursuing many interests, and the campaign lets students know that whatever they are doing, it’s really cool,” says Farris. “Here, you can pursue a Ph.D. or D&D. It all builds important skills to use now and after graduation.”

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*BRENTON WOO '99 HAS DEVELOPED A ONE-OF-A-KIND SURFBOARD —
NOW HE'S WORKING TO GET IT OUT INTO THE WORLD*

RIDING THE STARTUP WAVE

• story by **TINA ESHLEMAN**
photography by **STACY KECK**



CATCH A WAVE AND YOU'RE SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD.

The exhilarating line from the 1963 Beach Boys song still resonates with Brenton Woo '99, who would rather be in the ocean than almost anywhere else.

A surfer relies on skill and intuition to meet the wave at just the right moment, speed and angle, and maintain the balance necessary to ride it to shore. But there are also variables beyond an individual's control, including wind strength and wave size and frequency.

In a similar way, a startup business requires the spark of an idea and the passion to move it forward. It also needs funding and partners who can help transform a vision into reality. But multiple factors can affect whether the business succeeds, among them timing, customer response and economic growth or decline.

For both scenarios, a person needs patience, creativity and boldness to respond to changing conditions. It is estimated that surfers only spend about 10% of their time in the water riding waves, with the rest spent paddling or floating. And while the rewards can be substantial, launching a startup is a daunting endeavor — nine out of 10 startups don't make it. With odds like that, why do it? Why even try?

The reason in Woo's case is that he believes he has created a product with the potential to improve the experience of surfing. He says his San Diego-based company, Moda Surfboards, makes the world's first high-performance soft surfboards. Less expensive and more environmentally friendly than traditional fiberglass boards, Moda's patented boards incorporate an internal wooden core that makes them more stable and more controllable than conventional soft foam surfboards, he says. He describes the boards as accessible for beginners without sacrificing the performance sought by experienced surfers.

"Surfing is fun," he says. "You're active, you're outdoors. You're in tune with the environment. It feels good. Why wouldn't I want to share that with everyone? If my technology can make it more fun for more people, why not bring it out? That's what compels me to keep going forward."

Woo's story is one of a startup in progress. It's one in which the ending has not yet been written. Here's how it begins.

PART I: PADDLING OUT The oldest of three children born to Chinese and Vietnamese parents in Northern Virginia, Woo planned to major in government at William & Mary and work in the Washington, D.C., area after graduating — perhaps following in the footsteps of his mother, who holds a doctorate in economics and worked for the International Monetary Fund for a time.

"I was more interested in the philosophical aspect of government, rather than the policymaking part," Woo says. "William & Mary helped me see many different kinds of thinking, and that allowed me to change and grow while I was there."

After completing requirements for his major, he began exploring other interests during his junior and senior years, signing up for electives such as music, film, rock climbing and scuba diving.

"I didn't get the best grades at W&M, and that's not because I didn't find classes interesting or didn't learn anything," Woo says. "The classroom is not my ideal learning environment, and it took me a while to understand that. Experiential learning works best for me."





During the summer of 1997, one of his friends at W&M, Paul Tumeh '00, introduced him to surfing and bodyboarding at Virginia Beach, opening a window into a different way of life. Woo spent the next summer in Hawaii honing his surfing skills.

"I heard there were people who travel the world surfing — people who follow their bliss, who are doing first what they like to do, and making money is secondary," he says. "I thought, 'What is this life? Can I do that? I'd much rather be wearing swim trunks than a suit. I'd rather my ceiling be the sky than an office.'"

Woo began an odyssey that took him around the country and the world in search of great places to surf in the summer and snowboard in the winter, gaining exposure to diverse cultures and people who, like himself, did not pursue a conventional career. He drew on his experience working part time as a cook at a Japanese teppanyaki restaurant in Williamsburg to find jobs at restaurants and resorts. Woo spent time in Breckenridge, Colorado, and Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Nevada Mountains as well as in Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Norway and Finland.

He describes surfing not only as a sport but also as a path, one that can feel like a perpetual Christmas Eve: "Surfing is always something to look forward to, and you never get your fill. I'm an early riser because I want to know what the waves are doing, first thing. I don't know any other activity except for hang gliding where you are literally just riding earth energy. It's a uniquely satisfying feeling."

PART II: SURFIN' SAFARI As he traveled, Woo met likeminded people and came to see an expanded future for himself beyond surfing, snowboarding and cooking. He identified with founders — people who feel compelled to start a business that fills a need or develop a product that solves a problem. As he defines the role, a founder is someone who has an idea and acts on it.

While living in Truckee, California, near Lake Tahoe, he spent much of his free time in the mountains snowboarding. Not happy with the snowboards available on the market, he decided to create his own.

"There wasn't a brand that I felt represented the core values of snowboarding," he says. "Skiing is faster and more practical, but there's one thing snowboarding does better and that's the freestyle approach to snow, which often means tricks — jumps and rails."

While other brands catered to a broad audience, Woo wanted to make something that appealed to the kind of snowboarders who build their lives around the sport.

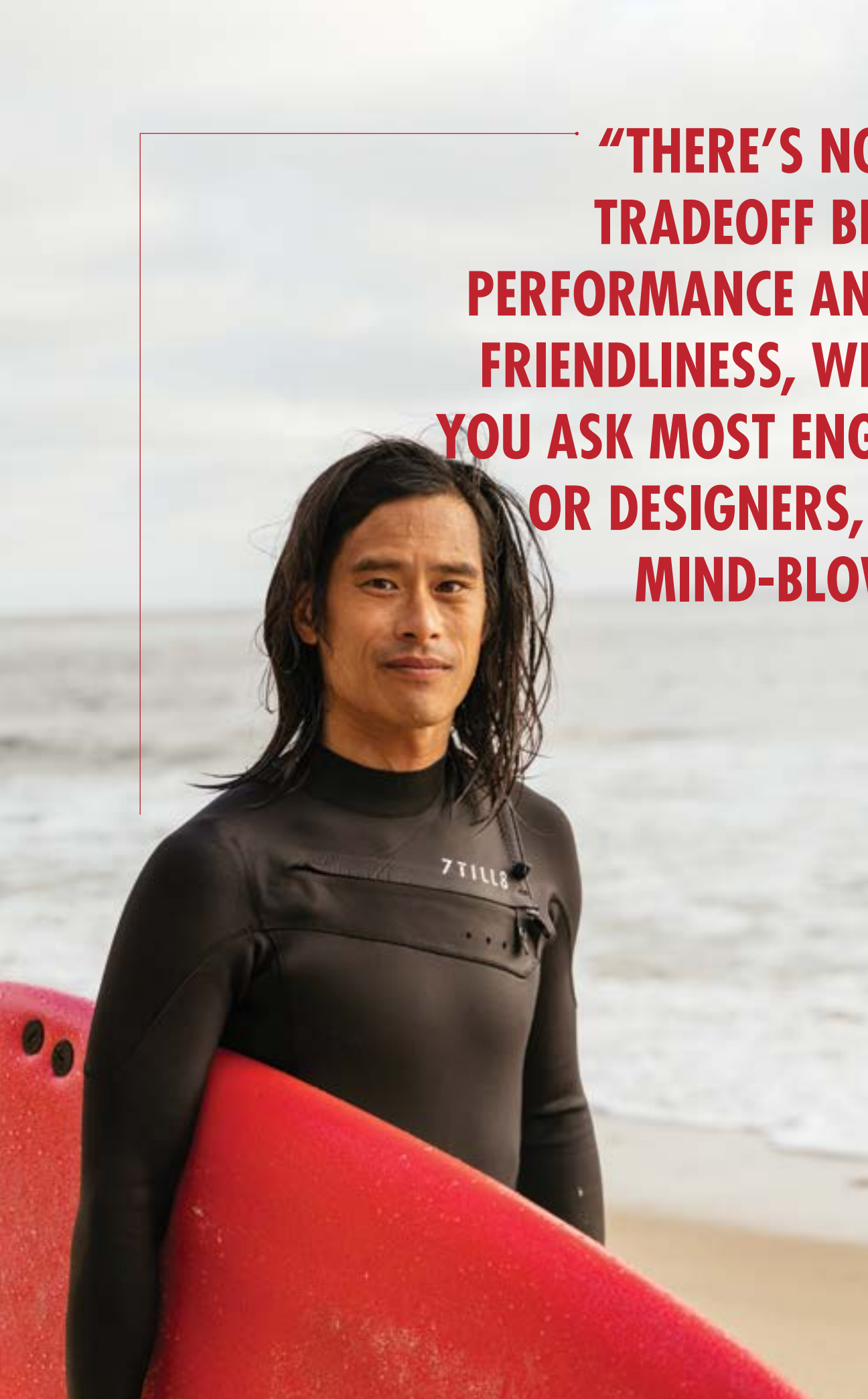
"It's a very small population, but arguably within snowboarding, they're moving the culture forward because without them snowboarding isn't cool," he says. "If snowboarding's not cool, no one's buying snowboards."

Woo started Automaton Snowboard Co. in 2004 with his own savings of \$3,000. He incorporated graphic designs by local artists and began selling snowboards from the back of his truck, eventually gaining distribution in Japan, South Korea, Europe and Russia. He enlisted fellow snowboarders who liked his boards to help spread the word.

Despite some initial success and positive feedback from snowboarders, Woo pulled the plug on Automaton in 2012 and liquidated his remaining inventory and equipment. Among the reasons were several seasons in which snowfall was not optimal for board sales and snow sports. According to the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, because of climate change, the average snow season has shrunk by 34 days as the result of a 41% drop in the amount of snow in the western United States since the early 1980s.

Another factor was that the Austrian snowboard factory that produced Automaton boards shut down permanently.

"Automaton was an expensive lesson that my talent was not in building a brand," he says. "Automaton was trying to create a compelling brand. It was cool enough that it was a rolling business for eight years, but it didn't make the impact I wanted it to make. My talent is in solving unstructured problems

A man with long dark hair, wearing a black wetsuit, stands on a beach holding a red surfboard. The background shows the ocean and a cloudy sky. The wetsuit has the brand name '7TILL8' visible on the chest.

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— the kind with few parameters other than where you are now and what your goal is, and there aren't established procedures on how to get there."

Before closing Automaton, however, Woo was already working on his next venture.

PART III: DROPPING IN "I had spent time in Austria learning how snowboards are built and how their flexibility works mechanically, and I took that experience and that knowledge and rolled it into Moda," he says. "I applied snowboard technology to surfboards."

Woo sees conventional fiberglass surfboards as too rigid: "When you're using them in a dynamic environment that's constantly changing, like a wave face, a static shape is not always the optimal shape," he says. "A flexible surfboard can adapt its shape in real time with the changing wave face."

On the other end of the spectrum are soft surfboards. They are popular with beginning surfers, but Woo sees them as too floppy: "They typically twist and plow in ways that kill your speed."

His concept for Moda Surfboards is to increase the performance potential of soft surfboards by controlling their flexibility in the same way snowboards do.

"So all of a sudden, we have user-friendly soft surfboards that have the full performance of fiberglass boards," he says. "There's no more tradeoff between performance and user friendliness, which, if you ask most engineers or designers, that's mind-blowing. In anything else — computers, cars, clothes — you trade off performance for user friendliness."

Still, it's a tough sell, he acknowledges, because people tend to stick with what they know.

"I'm fighting an uphill battle in that people don't necessarily see the need for a change in surfboards," he says, "but I think it's necessary and I feel compelled to bring it about."

He recalls that it seemed unthinkable before 2007 that there would be telephones without buttons.

"Now we all have telephones with no buttons," he says, holding up his cell phone. "But before it became the standard, a lot of people — including some in the tech industry — publicly laughed at it."

Woo began developing the idea for Moda Surfboards in 2009, and officially launched the company in 2016, the same year he and his wife, Kathryn Johnston-Woo, were married. He received a patent in 2019. Rather than producing and marketing his own surfboards, he wanted to position Moda to supply his technology to surfboard companies in the way that Intel supplies computer chips to companies that make personal computers.

Surfboard companies were slow to respond, so in the summer of 2017, Woo started holding workshops that allowed surfers to make their own boards using his model, to demonstrate its appeal. Somewhat to his surprise, the workshops sold out.

"They'd spend a Saturday morning making it and then I'd finish it off for them, and give it back to them in a week, and our summer was booked," he says.

The workshops helped surfboard companies see that if customers were willing to buy DIY boards using Moda's prototype, they might be willing to buy professionally made boards.

"We had our first customer in 2018 — Infinity Surfboards in Dana Point, California," Woo says. "They started making Moda Surfboards based on my technology — their logo, their branding, their store, their customer."



PART IV: IN THE SOUP

Dave Boehne, CEO of Infinity Surfboard Co., says his 50-year-old, family-owned company is known for taking on outside-the-box projects, such as making giant paddleboards or adaptive boards for athletes with disabilities. So when Woo walked into the company's shop one day with a new type of surfboard, Boehne was intrigued.

"He came from board sports and a key feature in snowboards is flex," Boehne says. "I snowboard as well, so I understood where he was coming from. I knew I could help him right away. I thought there's something there, if we could work on a better shape."

What appealed to Boehne was the idea of a wooden core — or stringer — that offers a surfer both flexibility and control. Woo left a surfboard for him to try.

"In theory, it's an adaptable board for any kind of wave," Boehne says. It remains flat in a small wave, but as a wave curls, the board adapts with the weight of the rider slipping into the curve, he adds. "So that's what got me excited — the fact that it's an on-demand tuning board, almost like a shock absorber in a car."

Boehne worked with Woo on adjusting the design. He thought the first prototype was a little too flexible and needed to be a bit stiffer. They gave the boards a sleeker, more classic, curved surfboard shape.

"It took us about five prototypes to where I felt I could be stoked to sell them," Boehne says.

Like Woo, he saw a challenge in persuading people to try a new product. And while at \$350 to \$400 each, the Moda prototype board is less expensive than the typical fiberglass surfboard Infinity sells, it costs about twice as much as the most popular soft surfboards on the market.

Describing his own experience with the boards, Boehne says, "When I had the timing right, there were moments when I'd come out of a turn and it felt like someone pushed you. There were bursts of speed and you don't get that in a normal surfboard."

Around the time that Woo began generating interest from companies such as Infinity, his wife, then an ensign with the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps, was assigned to Fort Belvoir Community Hospital in Northern Virginia and the couple moved to the East Coast.

Woo commuted between California and Virginia to keep Moda going, but he found it challenging to run the fledgling business from across the country. Infinity sold a couple dozen of the boards he and Boehne had prototyped, but the project fizzled out as the effects of the pandemic set in during 2020.

"The manufacturing facility I was using shut their doors permanently," Woo says. "One of the foam suppliers I used shut down."

For a business trying to get off the ground, these were devastating developments.

"As a startup, factories and suppliers typically don't want to work with you until you meet their minimum volumes," he says. "If your volume is not high enough, they don't want to talk to you. I was lucky enough to find material suppliers and a factory willing to work with me as a startup and unfortunately the pandemic put them out of business."

In 2021, the Navy assigned Johnston-Woo, now a lieutenant junior grade, to Naval Medical Center San Diego and the couple moved back to the West Coast with their baby daughter, Louisa. Brenton Woo tried to revive the partnership with Infinity, but by this time, the surfboard company was consumed with managing increased demand for products, complicated by a severely disrupted supply system.

For his part, Boehne is willing to give Moda Surfboards another shot, but he believes that for them to gain a lasting foothold, more prototyping and market testing are needed.

That brings up another hurdle, says Gary Hammerslag, a Colorado-based medical technology and athletics product entrepreneur who has been a mentor for Woo and has invested in earlier prototyping.

"His biggest challenge, in my view, is the ability just to produce product after product, which requires capital and equipment," Hammerslag says. "It's hard to do low-volume production if it's not something you can do in your shop or garage."

Getting the surfboards into more people's hands could lead to additional development and sales, he adds.

"It's a pretty advanced concept, and it could go a long way once there's an ability to produce them and experiment with different shapes and sizes," Hammerslag says. "What

interested me is it could really change the paradigm. I give him credit for the vision to see where it could go and trying to get it there, step by step.”

PART V: PRAY FOR SURF While working to rebuild his business, Woo continues to spend as much time as he can in the water. As a surfer, he is always mindful of the weather.

“I take cues wherever I am, so it’s always occupying some space in my mind, like is that tree blowing? If it’s blowing, it might be too windy,” he says. “Is it blowing in the right direction? What are the waves going to be like? What’s the tide doing right now? What’s the swell direction?”

He started recording observations of conditions at the beach near his San Diego home more than a decade ago and became more diligent about doing it when he began testing surfboard prototypes for Moda in 2015.

“There’s a narrow band of surf conditions that are optimal for testing surfboards. You want conditions that are just under perfect,” he says. “Perfect conditions are not ideal to test products because you can’t learn from them. Everything works great when the waves are perfect. You want waves that are good enough to surf, but just bad enough that you need to work the board and wave to keep going. Because then you can learn how to improve the board design.”

In his observations, Woo has seen dramatic changes in the ocean. He points to the day after Thanksgiving in 2015 as a turning point.

“Before Black Friday 2015, local surf conditions were like a sheet of glass. Waves came in sets, there were calm lulls between the sets and you could paddle out with dry hair,” he says. “After Black Friday 2015, the ocean was constantly stormy. The surface was choppy. The water wasn’t as clear. There weren’t lulls between sets. It was just constant motion.”

Temperatures were less predictable, too: “There was no rhyme or reason. One year, the water temperature was so warm that the kelp beds didn’t properly grow. Kelp beds help keep the ocean surface glassy and that wasn’t happening,” he says. “Then, all of a sudden, one year the ocean was too cold and now there’s too much kelp and paddling out feels like climbing a tree or crawling on your lawn. Before 2015, I saw dolphins nearly every time I surfed — 9 1/2 times out of 10. This year, I’ve seen dolphins less than five times.”

Being in close contact with nature gives him a better appreciation of it, which is one reason why it’s important to him to make surfboards that are as environmentally responsible as possible. Healthy surf conditions are vital for the future of his business, too.

Fiberglass surfboards, considered the standard, are made of polyurethane or expanded polystyrene foam, wrapped in fiberglass cloth and sealed with epoxy resin, and the fins are molded plastic, often reinforced with fiberglass, Woo says.

“No part of fiberglass surfboard construction ever breaks down to biologically benign components,” he says. “There’s a reason for this — biodegradable and organic materials are easily destroyed by marine environments. Artificial and toxic materials last much longer. Since this is the case, the best we can do



to be environmentally responsible with surfboards is to recycle or upcycle the materials in used surf products.”

Moda’s boards, in contrast, use polyethylene or PE plastic — “easily the most recyclable plastic there is,” he says, adding that it uses less energy to make, is easily collectible and is not harmful for humans to come in contact with. “Food containers are made out of PE. Polyethelene is the most benign of all plastics to us.” Wood, which makes up the core of Moda boards, is a renewable resource.

Woo would like to see more efforts to preserve surfing areas and protect against industrial, commercial and residential development. For example, the nonprofit Surfrider Foundation has advocated for legislation to prevent construction of a toll road through San Onofre State Beach south of Los Angeles. A few William & Mary students have been involved in Surfrider’s conservation efforts as interns.

“Why not take our nonbiodegradable, nonreusable waste — such as concrete — and create artificial reefs?” he says. “They could mitigate beach erosion, provide habitats for sea life and promote good surf waves.”

Woo cites a project at Queensland’s Gold Coast in eastern Australia that created a world-class surf break by pumping sand to combat beach erosion, producing waves that can take surfers on mile-long rides.

William & Mary’s strategic Vision 2026 plan includes as one of its key pan-university initiatives finding innovative solutions to ensure the resilience of the world’s oceans, coasts and waterways. While Woo applauds his alma mater’s goal, he believes that for environmental solutions to be effective, they also need buy-in from the population at large.

“I think that, generally speaking, the way modern life has developed, most people aren’t connected with our natural environment in a way that fosters an appreciation and responsibility for it. Most people live in cities where bright lights mean we can’t see stars at night. We don’t often encounter animals in the wild. We don’t see the consequences of our actions, and it’s tough to address a larger problem if we don’t directly see it on a day-to-day basis.”

PART VI: SHOOT THE TUBE As he charts a path forward, Woo is seeking new sources of materials for his surfboards and a manufacturer to produce them. He hopes to find a way to incorporate post-consumer or post-manufacturing materials — perhaps from a company that makes running shoes — in making surfboards.

“If we are able to use upcycled material in our surfboards, we’re giving nonbiodegradable material a second life,” he says. “It’s possible that they could be infinitely upcycled.”

As he contemplates the future of Moda Surfboards, Woo recalls Hammerslag asking him how much time he’s willing to devote to the venture.

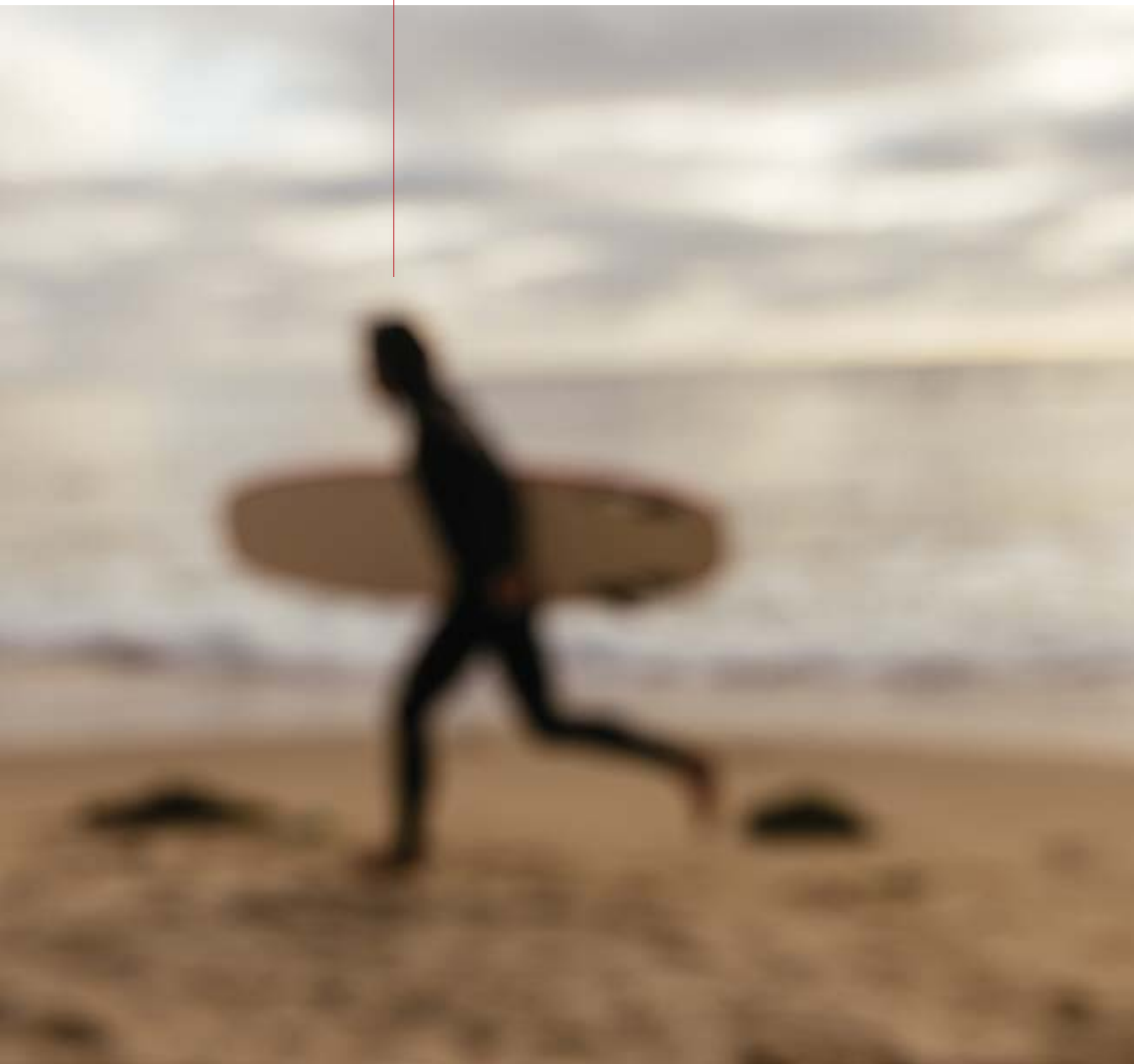
“He said, ‘When is enough, enough?’” Woo says. “The founder in me wants to say it’s never enough.”

Thinking of his now 3-year-old daughter, he adds, “Traditionally, people say when you do things in life, you should make your parents proud. I say you should make your kids proud. My daughter will be on this planet long after I’m gone. She’s the one I need to make proud of me.”

Eventually, he hopes to pay it forward by helping another startup founder.

“If I can do for another founder what Gary is doing for me, that’s being successful,” he says. “If a founder sees my experience and thinks I may have something valuable to contribute, that’s when I’ll feel like I’ve reached success.” 🐾





SETTING SAIL: *The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection is just one of the new leisure travel offerings Linnartz has spearheaded for Marriott International brands.*



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EXTENDING HOSPITALITY

Stephanie Coleman Linnartz M.B.A. '97 thinks creatively
about what Marriott International can be

Stephanie Coleman Linnartz M.B.A. '97, president of Marriott International, wants you to know that Marriott is more than a hotel chain. • You'd be forgiven if hotels are the first things that come to mind when you think of the multinational company. After all, it operates more than 8,100 properties in 139 countries and is the largest lodging company in the world by number of rooms. • It also encompasses 30 brands and is growing in new areas of business, including home rentals, residential development, yachts, branded merchandise, travel insurance, credit cards and more.



PEOPLE PERSON:
Linnartz believes hospitality helps people worldwide to understand “there’s more that connects us than divides us.” She is committed to diversity and inclusion initiatives at Marriott.

“You can’t rest on your laurels — you constantly need to be coming up with new businesses and brand extensions, thinking creatively and pushing the boundaries,” she says.

Linnartz’s role encompasses brand, sales, marketing, revenue management, customer engagement, technology, emerging businesses and loyalty strategies for Marriott International. In addition, she oversees the company’s global real estate development, design and operations services functions and spearheads the company’s growth strategies. It’s a responsibility she is passionate about fulfilling — inspired by the people worldwide Marriott touches.

“Marriott is a global company, so between our employees and their families, millions of people depend on us for their livelihoods,” she says. “The most important obligation I have as a leader at Marriott is to have a really healthy, vibrant, growing company, to create opportunities for our people.”

LESSONS FROM THE PAST

Marriott didn’t start as a hotel chain. In 1927, J. Willard Marriott and his wife, Alice, started an A&W root beer stand in Washington, D.C. They expanded to serve hot food and became “Hot Shoppes” restaurants, with the first drive-thru on the East Coast. In 1957, they opened their first motel in Arlington, Virginia, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Growing up in the greater D.C. area, Linnartz felt an affinity for Marriott’s story. She was immersed in the hospitality industry as a child. Her family owned several restaurants over the years, including the well-known Irish pub The Dubliner on Capitol Hill (which at one point sold more Guinness than any other restaurant in the U.S.), and they still own and operate a boutique hotel downtown. The oldest of six siblings, she first traveled internationally to Ireland as a child with her family.

“For me, it’s all about the service aspect of it. I fell in love with hospitality and travel, and I truly believe they make the world a better place,” she says. “The more people gather face to face, the more they realize that at the end of the day, there’s more that connects us than divides us.”

Linnartz knew she wanted work in the corporate offices of Marriott to help grow the hospitality company that launched from her hometown. But to do that, she needed an MBA.

Linnartz received her bachelor’s degree in political science and government from College of the Holy Cross, where she now serves as a trustee. But for her MBA, she was drawn to William & Mary for its history and community.

“My MBA opened doors for me. I learned a lot; it set me up for my first opportunity at Marriott, which turned into a great career,” she says.

In July, she celebrated 25 years with Marriott, a journey that brought her from financial analyst to,

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among other roles, global chief commercial officer from 2013-2019 and group president for consumer operations, technology and emerging businesses from 2019-2021. In the group president role, she oversaw the creation of Marriott Bonvoy, which is now the world's largest hospitality loyalty program with over 169 million members.

But the move from group president to president of Marriott International, though well deserved, was born out of tragedy. In February 2021, Arne Sorenson, then president and CEO of Marriott International, suddenly passed away at age 62 while being treated for pancreatic cancer. Linnartz was named to the president role and Anthony Capuano was named CEO, both tasked with leading the company forward.

"Stephanie has a leadership track record and clear vision for how our core lodging business, travel platform initiatives and loyalty strategies can work together to accelerate growth," said J.W. "Bill" Marriott, Jr., son of the company's founder and chairman emeritus of the board, in the press release announcing her appointment. "Her deep experience across our business will enable her to work seamlessly with our owners and franchisees, innovate for our guests and customers, and champion new opportunities for our associates."

Sorenson was Linnartz's mentor and friend, and the example he set guides her as president.

"I learned three very important lessons from Arne that stand out the most. He was a really good listener and showed incredible empathy. He was

always transparent and honest, even in the lowest point in the pandemic, when we had to make some tough choices. But he always painted a picture of hope for the future. He said travel would bounce back, and he was right, and it came back faster than we thought possible," she says.

"Good leaders have that empathy, that transparency and that hope."

PRINCIPLED ACHIEVEMENT

Linnartz returned to William & Mary in June as a keynote speaker for the 2022 MBA Alumni Weekend. It brought to the forefront "lots of great memories and lots of gratitude," she says.

"Education is a gift. Education is the way up and out, to succeed in business or whatever your chosen path," she says. "Especially when I have a chance to speak with undergraduates, I look at all the young faces in the audience and think, 'This is the future, and these people sitting in the audience are so blessed to be going to an institution like William & Mary and to be learning and growing here.'"

In her address, Linnartz spoke on a theme she has seen reflected in her life and career: "principled achievement." Former Raymond A. Mason School of Business Dean Larry Pulley '74, P '13, P '15 often described the purpose of the business school as being "to prepare students for lives of principled achievement."

Linnartz admired this values-driven success in the example set by Sorenson and is guided by it

today. She sees principled achievement in the way Marriott International supports its employees and focuses on environmental sustainability.

“There’s a dignity in service work and it’s such a big part of our economy,” she says. “People come to Marriott for a career, not just a job — we have opportunities at every level, whether it’s at a hotel, the regional level or our corporate offices.”

Pre-pandemic, the service industry contributed approximately 10% of global GDP, 10% of all jobs were in travel tourism and 25% of new jobs being created were in travel tourism. Then the pandemic closed borders, restricted travel and brought new occupancy restrictions. It caused almost 25% of Marriott properties to close.

New challenges arose when pandemic restrictions eased and Marriott properties needed to find staff immediately to reopen and handle the new surge in demand. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is calling the current combination of labor shortages and historic unemployment “The Great Reshuffle” — 47 million people quit their jobs in 2021, often looking for greater work-life balance and flexibility, increased compensation and strong company culture. At the same time, hiring rates have outpaced quit rates since November 2021. Leisure and hospitality had a quit rate of 4.5%, but a hiring rate of 8%.

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Linnartz says while Marriott has not been impervious to labor shortages, she feels the culture of the company ensures Marriott can attract and keep talent at all levels. For example, about 50% of Marriott’s general managers started as hourly workers, and Marriott’s turnover rate is lower than that of the industry.

While much of the national conversation about the post-pandemic workforce has focused on work from home, Linnartz believes a broader definition of workplace flexibility is necessary to include the millions of workers worldwide whose jobs are location-based and cannot be made remote. An inclusive environment, she says, requires flexibility where appropriate throughout the organization. For example, Marriott is working on technology to create greater flexibility

and allow housekeepers to trade shifts within and between properties quickly and easily.

She is also passionate about diversity and inclusion. In June, Marriott launched a new initiative, “Marriott’s Bridging the Gap,” which aims to boost hotel ownership among women and people who identify as Black, Hispanic, Native American or First Nations through financial support and other incentives. The company has pledged \$50 million to this initiative, with a goal of establishing 3,000 hotels owned by underrepresented people by 2025.

“The combination of us leveraging our relationships and us actually putting our own money behind this is going to be the magic sauce that’s finally going to help us see the needle move in a more meaningful way. And the most important part of all this, at the end of the day, is about economic empowerment for women and people of color. We cannot see equity in the world unless there’s economic empowerment,” Linnartz said in a June 21 interview with Travel Weekly.

Marriott is also working to increase diversity among its suppliers. The company’s new corporate headquarters opened in July and was built by female-owned Rand Construction. Its founder and chairman, Linda Rabbitt, was awarded the inaugural Arne M. Sorenson Excellence in Leadership Award in 2022.

Linnartz’s appointment represents a step forward in representation of women in the company and the industry. She is the first female president of Marriott International, and women comprise just 30% of leaders in the hospitality industry and 25% of executives in corporate America overall, a gain of 5 percentage points over the last five years.

On the environmental front, Linnartz is cognizant of Marriott’s extensive global footprint and the impact it has on our planet. Marriott is committed to reaching zero net carbon emissions by 2050. Almost 50% of waste from a hotel is food waste, and Marriott aims to reduce this by half by 2025 with innovations such as technology that shows in real time what food is selling well and how much to reorder. Smart sensors in hotel rooms turn off the lights and adjust the air conditioning or heating when occupants are away. Other adjustments include building LEED-certified facilities, using energy-efficient lightbulbs and tracking water use.

These changes are good for the bottom line, too. A new study from environmental technology company GreenPrint found that 77% of Americans are concerned about the environmental impact of the products they buy and 64% of Americans are willing to pay more for environmentally sustainable products. A 2020 report by First Insight showed this was even higher for people in Gen Z (those who are less than 25 years old), with 73% willing to pay more.

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SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE SEA: *Marriott operates more than 8,100 properties in 139 countries and is the largest lodging company in the world by number of rooms.*



Linnartz sees this in her own teenage daughter, who, like many other members of Gen Z, is interested in composting, prefers buying secondhand clothes and researches the sources and methods of companies she buys from to ensure they are socially responsible.

“Our employees care about the environment, they want to work for a company that cares about the environment, and our customers care about it, too — people increasingly make purchasing decisions based on sustainability,” Linnartz says.

MAKING A COMEBACK

Technology is not only helping Marriott become greener, it also allowed the company to adapt during the pandemic. Marriott International describes Linnartz’s role as being “at the intersection of technology and hospitality,” and she oversaw several tech updates as the pandemic swept the world. These included contactless check in and check out, and room and concierge service through the Marriott Bonvoy app along with Marriott.com enhancements.

“It’s that old expression, from crisis comes creativity,” she says. “We had to supercharge the rollout of certain technologies that will be part of our user experience moving forward.”

Now that the pandemic is transitioning to endemic, travel is rebounding. According to the U.S. Travel Association’s June report, Americans’ travel spending hit a new pandemic high of \$101 billion in May and 89% of companies now allow nonessential business travel. Globally, spending on travel grew 22% from 2020 to 2021, reaching \$5.8 billion.

Marriott International is seeing a significant increase in demand. Marriott’s worldwide occupancy rose to 68% in March 2022, which is less than 10 percentage points below pre-pandemic levels. This was the biggest increase in global demand since the pandemic began. The company also added 23,000 rooms around the world, nearly 30 percent of which were conversions from competitor brands.

Linnartz doesn’t take these successes for granted.

“I like to call it ‘healthy paranoia’ — in the past five years, companies have gone away or been severely disrupted that people never expected,” she says. “At Marriott, we live by the mantra our founder started and our recently retired executive chairman, Bill Marriott, says all the time: ‘Success is never final.’”

“That means you constantly need to be saying, ‘How can we grow, innovate, change our business model, adapt our business model, come up with new offerings for consumers?’”

As well as ventures like credit cards and travel insurance, many of these new offerings focus on leisure travel, which before the pandemic was four times bigger as a market segment than business travel and growing more quickly. After the pandemic, its growth only increased.

“There’s been a shift in spending from things and products to experiences, so we leaned into that in a deeper, richer way,” she says.

That includes Marriott Homes & Villas, which are whole-home rentals in premium markets — an answer to competition from home-sharing services such as Vrbo and Airbnb — and The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection, the first of which will sail this fall. That doesn’t mean the company is shying away from products, however. The Marriott Bonvoy Boutiques include everything from bedding to luggage to home décor, with the option to purchase using Marriott Bonvoy loyalty points.

She also sees the rise of “bleisure” as a trend that will continue — combination business and leisure trips, such as when a traveler adds days at the beginning or end of a business trip to spend some vacation time at the destination. Being able to work remotely from anywhere also lessens the need for employees to rush back to the office after an offsite meeting or conference. While Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were traditionally the busiest nights at hotels, the remainder of the week is seeing an uptick in popularity.

So what does the future hold for Linnartz?

“There’s something very powerful about living in the now and focusing on being the best you can be today,” she says. “But I’m super hopeful about the future. Marriott International is coming up on 96 years old and we are in great shape.” ☺

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A TIRELESS ADVOCATE

Marilyn Ward Midyette '75, credited with transforming the alumni experience at William & Mary, retires as W&M Alumni Association CEO

BY TINA ESHLEMAN

From her time as an undergraduate

at William & Mary, it was clear that Marilyn Ward Midyette '75 is a natural leader. As a student, she immersed herself in the life of the university as a cheerleader, a resident assistant and a member of Delta Delta Delta and of the W&M Choir.

After eight years of spearheading programs and services for William & Mary's more than 100,000 alumni, creating signature initiatives that raise the university's profile and overseeing the extensive renovation and expansion of the Alumni House, Midyette retired Aug. 1 as the leader of the university's alumni engagement efforts and the W&M Alumni Association.

"For someone who doesn't know Marilyn, I would describe her as a force, both inward and outward, with her personality, her positive outlook, her enthusiasm, her sense of humor and her infectious laugh," classmate and fellow Alumni Medallion recipient Lynn Melzer Dillon '75 said when Midyette received the Alumni Medallion in 2011.

ONE FAMILY: Midyette celebrated with former WMAA board member Todd Norris '86, P '18, P '20, P '22 and other alumni at the 2022 Legacy Toast reception for graduates and their parents.

“She so passionately worked for exceptional alumni programming and other ways for alumni to deepen connections with each other and William & Mary. It was a pleasure to work with Marilyn, and it has been a great joy to see her vision for the Alumni House come to life and become a beautiful home for alumni for generations to come.”

Those qualities propelled Midyette to leadership positions at Sprint, where she became a regional vice president, and at the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, where she guided one of the organization's 10 largest councils in the country as CEO.

Throughout her professional career, Midyette remained active with her alma mater through alumni chapters in Georgia and Illinois and by serving on the Class of 1975 Reunion Committees, the Annual Giving Board of Directors and the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

cheerleader has set an inspiring example in her lifelong dedication to all things green and gold.

“There is no stronger champion for William & Mary alumni than Marilyn Midyette,” Hatfield says. “She so passionately worked for exceptional alumni programming and other ways for alumni to deepen connections with each other and William & Mary. It was a pleasure to work with Marilyn, and it has been a great joy to see her vision for the Alumni House come to life and become a beautiful home for alumni for generations to come.”



In 2014, William & Mary and the Alumni Association board decided to merge the WMAA staff with University Development to form a new University Advancement organization. According to Vice President for University Advancement Matthew T. Lambert '99, Midyette was an obvious choice as the first person to serve jointly as associate vice president for alumni engagement and executive director of the W&M Alumni Association.

“Marilyn has played an absolutely crucial role in helping the university build a robust culture of engagement and philanthropy among our more than 100,000 alumni,” says Lambert, who returned to William & Mary in 2013 and hired Midyette.

“She has been uncompromising in the best possible way — she is a tireless advocate for our alumni and she understands the power of community,” Lambert says. “She recognizes that for William & Mary to sustain our commitment to excellence and make an impact globally, we need the support of an engaged and active alumni network.”

Anna Dinwiddie Hatfield '96, president of the W&M Alumni Association, says the former Tribe

The expanded Alumni House opened in 2020 after years of planning and fundraising, adding 33,000 square feet of new space in addition to careful renovation of the existing historic house. In announcing Midyette's retirement, Lambert and Hatfield said, “Marilyn ensured the Alumni House was built with the utmost beauty and functionality and that it was built to last for ages with future expansion space included. She worked to raise funds to support and care for the building over the years and built the strongest financial foundation for the Alumni Association in its history.”

Midyette envisioned the expanded Alumni House as a representation of the important role that William & Mary's growing alumni population plays in supporting the university's mission and investing in its future. She says she has always believed that programming for alumni should reflect the same level of excellence that is expected of students at William & Mary.

“What I'm most proud of is bringing a more comprehensive and diverse set of value-added opportunities to alumni,” she says. “We've expanded from social interactions and engagement to very rich and robust programming that is

not only social but professional and intellectual and cultural. We have also raised the quality of both Homecoming and our chapter and regional engagement.”

Under her leadership, the university launched William & Mary Weekend, Professionals Week, W&M Women’s Weekend, a reimagined Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Traditions Weekend, new virtual programming featuring alumni experts in their fields, and the addition and growth of affinity and identity-based inclusion initiatives, among other offerings. Through these creative programs and events, the university saw the number of alumni participating in expanded activities — including new career and networking opportunities — triple over the course of the campaign from approximately 10,000 per year to more than 30,000 per year, establishing a trajectory for growth.

Among those programs, Midyette sees the debut of William & Mary Weekend as the pièce de résistance. Beginning in 2016, W&M Weekend traveled from Washington, D.C., to New York City and Chicago, and will move to San Francisco in June 2023, featuring insider tours, cultural events and intellectual panels.

“That was a sea change for us,” she says. “It was a new tradition that was representative of everything that William & Mary stands for — bringing the best of William & Mary and the best of a given metropolitan area to our alumni.”

Will Payne ’01, former vice rector of the William & Mary Board of Visitors, praised Midyette for her distinguished service during a time of significant change at William & Mary.

“As a seasoned chief executive, Marilyn Midyette has transformed the university’s alumni engagement operation into a model that continues to buck national trends, demonstrating the power of the William & Mary network and a shared commitment by all to develop lifelong, meaningful relationships,” he says. “Marilyn has a rare ability to develop a vision, build consensus and inspire action on an international scale; and as a result, she leaves a legacy for which we are all grateful.”

Midyette’s tenure coincided with William & Mary’s ambitious *For the Bold* campaign, which ended June 30, 2020, after raising \$1.04 billion for the university. The campaign’s goals included increasing alumni participation and strengthening alumni engagement.

WELCOME HOME:
Midyette was joined by Anna Dinwiddie Hatfield ’96, Hunter J. Smith ’51, L.H.D. ’18, President Katherine Rowe and Norris at the Alumni House dedication.



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Robust engagement is key to building a strong philanthropic culture among William & Mary’s alumni community, and W&M has been ranked the No. 1 public university for alumni giving in the U.S. several years in a row.

“We are so grateful to Marilyn for her forward-thinking leadership,” President Katherine Rowe says. “She believes in the future of William & Mary and has rallied alumni to support it. Our alumni are more connected than ever to each other and to our university.”

The career engagement and professional network initiatives that began under Midyette’s watch create opportunities for alumni to support each other and interact with current students, Rowe says. She adds, “We will build on the relationships Marilyn forged to advance our career initiative under Vision 2026. Our goal is simple: that our alumni support each other professionally from their first job to their last.”

A national search for Midyette’s successor began immediately, spearheaded by Lambert. Howard Busbee ’65, J.D. ’67, M.L.T. ’68, L.H.D. ’22, P ’90, P ’04 assumed the role of interim leader of the alumni engagement efforts and the W&M Alumni Association on Aug. 1 and will serve until Midyette’s successor is hired.

A former faculty member and assistant dean at the Raymond A. Mason School of Business, Busbee spent 33 years as a tax partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers before turning to higher education for his second career. Always willing to answer alma mater’s call, Busbee has been active in many of the university’s leadership groups, serving as current vice chair of the William & Mary Real Estate Foundation, as well as co-chair of the Honorable Robert Boyle Legacy Society.

His previous roles include president of the W&M Alumni Association, chair of the W&M Foundation and chair of the Olde Guard Council. For his service, he has received the Alumni Medallion, W&M Law School’s Citizen Lawyer Award and, most recently, an honorary doctor of humane letters (L.H.D.) degree during this year’s Charter Day ceremony. Named in his honor, the Howard J. Busbee Finance Academy teaches W&M undergraduates about careers in finance and provides them opportunities to connect with professionals.

“We are thankful to Howard for his willingness to step in and guide our alumni engagement efforts during this transition,” Lambert says. “As an alumnus, parent and leader in both business and academia, he knows every branch of the William & Mary family and he will use that knowledge to benefit our alumni community and the university — just as he has always done.”

After Midyette’s retirement was announced in May, Busbee began what he describes as a listening tour to learn from alumni and university colleagues about what has gone well over the past year or so, where there is room for improvement and how he can be most effective in the short term.

“One thing I don’t want to be is just a caretaker,” he says. “I want to build on the programming and the outreach that’s been created and learn from our experience in dealing with a pandemic on how to be responsive and how to be flexible.”

After the disruptions and delays that resulted from the pandemic, Busbee expects to continue the WMAA’s focus on in-person events, both on campus and around the country, including Traditions Weekend next spring.

“I want to be an active participant in the planning and the input on those areas,” he says. “We also want to be a partner in university-wide efforts for equity and inclusion and make sure that we pursue the Inclusive Excellence Plan that we have.”

Busbee says he is drawing on his experience from the business and academic worlds, and from his own volunteerism, to encourage efficiency and collaboration between campus partners. He also brings insights from his two children who are William & Mary alumni and from a granddaughter who graduated in 2021.

“When my granddaughter was here on campus, we were also living in Williamsburg and so I got firsthand knowledge about what student life was like and the opportunities that she was able to take advantage of,” he says. “She spent a semester in the Washington Center. She also had an internship at the State Department, which ultimately led to a full-time job.”

Busbee, who served as president of the W&M Alumni Association board from 1999-2001, says the organization has come a long way under Midyette’s leadership and guidance.

“This is a changing of the guard, but I don’t think it’s a change in direction,” he says. “We will continue to build on what Marilyn and her staff have done in terms of programming and outreach. Those, to me, are the two areas that the alumni association can be most beneficial in and if we continue to do them, we will be successful.”

As she moves into retirement, Midyette leaves a legacy of accomplishment and devotion to William & Mary. Both she and her husband, Payne H. Midyette ’75, have given generously to their alma mater, contributing funds to the Alumni House expansion, the Alumni Association and W&M Athletics, among other programs.

She recalls that Payne wholeheartedly endorsed her taking on the WMAA leadership role, and he has been at her side during countless



events over the last eight years. She had been driving to Williamsburg to chair her last meeting of the Annual Giving Board of Directors on June 20, 2014, when Lambert called and said her name kept coming up during discussions about the position.

Even though she had retired the previous year from her leadership role with the Girl Scouts, Midyette was intrigued. She then called Payne and outlined Lambert's criteria for the position: someone who had professional best management business experience, who had interfaced with a board in a leadership role, who had volunteer management experience and — ideally — someone who was a William & Mary alumnus or alumna.

"My husband said, 'Everything he's listed, you've done. You care passionately about the institution, and you can certainly add value. It seems like this job has your name written all over it.'"

Now, Midyette says she is ready to resume the life of a retiree — enjoying a flexible schedule, doing home improvement projects, traveling with W&M Alumni Journeys as a participant rather than as a host and cheering on the Tribe.

"I'm taking a step back for a while and then, probably a year from now, you'll see me more," she says. "But I'll still be at football games, basketball games and other things like that — just not on the stage."

Reflecting on her experience over the past eight years, she says, "It's been a blessing beyond measure, and I'm so proud of the time that I've had and the opportunity I've had to give back." ☺

PARTY TIME: *Midyette took to the dance floor with fellow alumni and friends at the Saturday Night Bash during the 2021 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.*





A GATHERING PLACE: Students gather at the Hearth on a summer evening. During orientation at the beginning of the fall semester, the Student Assembly convened the community values pledge at the Hearth, creating a new tradition.



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HEARTH

*On May 8, alumni and community members convened for the dedication of **Hearth: Memorial to the Enslaved**, which honors the people whom the university enslaved over the course of 172 years. A plaque at the memorial reads in part, “This memorial seeks to remember and honor those individuals through the symbol of the **Hearth**, which evokes at once the harsh, forced labor of chattel slavery as well as a place of gathering, strength and community.” **Hearth** is located between the Brafferton and Ewell Hall.*

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BRAIN TRUST: *Debi Brooks '81 is CEO and co-founder of The Michael J. Fox Foundation, the largest nonprofit funder of Parkinson's disease (PD) research in the world. PD is the second-most common degenerative brain disease, affecting 6 million people worldwide.*

"I FEEL LIKE WILLIAM & MARY REALLY HELPED ME SEE WHERE I BELONG. AND I'VE JUST BEEN BUILDING THAT SENSE OF SELF IN THE YEARS SINCE."

Foundation Ties

DEBI BROOKS '81 IS ON A PATH TOWARD PARKINSON'S DISEASE PREVENTION

ALUMNI PROFILE It was a match made in an elevator.

Debi Brooks '81 had just finished an interview with Michael J. Fox — who two years before, in 1998, had publicly disclosed his Parkinson's disease (PD) diagnosis to the world. Fox, known for his roles in the "Back to the Future" film trilogy and TV shows such as "Family Ties" and "Spin City," had rededicated his life to increased Parkinson's research, was starting a foundation, and wanted someone with a business background to run it. Brooks already had spent nine years on the fixed-income trading floor at Goldman Sachs; she wanted to work somewhere that would help the world.

But walking down the hall, feeling a mix of nerves and relief at the end of the interview, she tried to convince herself this wouldn't be it. The conversation had gone well — really well — but was she really equipped to start a research foundation and work with a famous actor? She didn't even have a science background. Probably, they'd find someone more qualified, she told herself.

Then Fox stopped her at the elevator and asked to ride down together. They did. And outside the lobby of the old Bear Stearns building on Park Avenue in New York City, they spoke on the sidewalk for another half hour.

"Our conversation was completely values-based," says Brooks. She wanted to use philanthropy capital for good. Fox wanted to found an organization that gave patients space in the world of drug development. "We were just so aligned, and I think he saw in me somebody who wanted to do the best we could do."

He ended up half an hour late to the next interview, but told her he would call her later and offer her the job. No doubts now, Brooks accepted.

Twenty-two years later, serving as CEO and co-founder, Brooks has helped build The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF) into the largest nonprofit funder of Parkinson's research in the world and one of Forbes Magazine's top 100 U.S. charities. To date, the foundation has funded over \$1.5 billion in Parkinson's research programs, dedicating 88 cents of every dollar spent to research.



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FOUNDERS: After Michael J. Fox announced his Parkinson's disease diagnosis in 1998, he founded The Michael J. Fox Foundation to support Parkinson's research and tapped Brooks as CEO and co-founder.



It all started without a plan. Brooks had heard about the job from a former colleague on a Sunday, interviewed that Thursday, and started the Monday after. She didn't know much about Parkinson's — the second-most common degenerative brain disease, affecting 6 million people worldwide — much less expect to spend two decades working to cure it.

That didn't concern her. From college onward, her career has been a path of almost-perfect accidents, culminating in enormous impact. The hard part, for her, wasn't comfort in uncertainty. She's "totally a pop-quiz kind of person." The hard part was finding the right place to call home, she says. It may've happened after a literal elevator pitch, but she found it.

"I feel like William & Mary really helped me see where I belong," she says. "And I've just been building that sense of self in the years since."

'WHAT ARE SATS?' Brooks almost didn't end up at William & Mary. Her junior year of high school, she didn't even plan on going to college.

Back in the 1970s, she was moving from state to state and being raised by a single mother. By her junior year, she ended up at a vocational school in Fairfax, Virginia, and was already very independent. Their household income was low and Brooks needed to work to help pay rent.

At her job — one of several she held — at a small sewing shop in the Tysons Corner mall, there was a fellow salesclerk Brooks considered her high school "sensei." This clerk would spin yarn about Virginia colleges and said William & Mary was the best one in the state.

Brooks' high school guidance counselor helped her get there. The counselor saw promise in Brooks and kept her accountable. One day, that led the counselor to stop her in the hallway on a Thursday and ask if she was taking that Saturday's SATs.

"What are SATs?" Brooks asked.

But she took them, fell in love with William & Mary's campus on a road trip with her mother, and got into the university. Her freshman year, she lived in Barrett Hall and joined the Chi Omega sorority. In four years, she became a resident assistant, studied abroad in Cambridge, England, majored in economics, played intramural lacrosse, worked for the economics department and sold sandwiches at The Cheese Shop.

"I never stopped working," she says.

THE NONPROFIT WORLD Brooks didn't really have a choice. By the end of her freshman year, her mother had moved into a smaller apartment to better afford rent. Brooks had to support herself.

After graduation, she worked at a regional bank in Philadelphia and lived with sorority sisters. She went on to graduate school to get an MBA and eventually found a job on the trading floor for Goldman Sachs. While she loved the fast pace of her role, her clients and coworkers, she could take or leave the markets. By her mid-30s, she wanted something that felt more like a mission.

"I had a tug to find more of a sense of purpose, which is a common phrase now but wasn't back then," she says. "In my day, to walk in and resign to go off to the nonprofit sector — people just didn't do that."

But she did.

Working with nonprofits felt like a natural destination for Brooks. Her grandmother, an early role model, was very active in the community. Brooks was an avid volunteer during her time at Goldman Sachs. She is a former Girl Scout.

It wasn't immediately clear where to take her talents. The world of nonprofits is big and wasn't always inviting to folks with a business background. After getting a master's degree in social work and spending time at a smaller organization in Boston, Brooks began to think she was suited for a startup.

Cue the downtown meeting with Michael J. Fox, and Brooks had found one.

PATH TO PREVENTION It came with an enormous challenge. "It was daunting to think about, why don't we just try to cure Parkinson's disease," Brooks says. "But I thought he was the right kind of partner."

She and Fox, after all, share some qualities. They have similar values. They aren't intimidated

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by challenges. They're both optimists. Those points of continuity have helped make their foundation so successful and built upon Fox's initial vision.

"This person could make that work," Fox, speaking on an online "fireside chat," remembers thinking of Brooks when they first met. That ambition helped Brooks grow the foundation from a fledgling startup to what The New York Times has called "the most credible voice on Parkinson's research in the world." When the foundation launched in 2000, there were almost no innovative therapies in development for the disease; since 2014, 18 new therapies have received FDA approval, including some that had early funding support from the foundation.

In 2010, The Michael J. Fox Foundation launched its cornerstone study: the Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI), intended to better understand the disease and advance new treatments. Since the study's inception, PPMI has followed 1,400 volunteers with and without Parkinson's and now hopes to enroll thousands more people, at medical centers around the world and online. By studying specific groups of patients — say those recently diagnosed and not taking medication or those with specific risk factors for the disease — researchers can model what triggers the disease and how to predict whether someone will develop

it. Those profiles may help develop treatments in the future that stop the disease before it can begin.

Brooks herself participates in the study as a "control volunteer" — someone who provides data but has no known connection to the disease. She says it's empowering to hear directly from drugmakers that the information matters, helping to design trials and find the right participants.

Science moves slowly. That doesn't mean the different stakeholders — from biopharma industry partners to researchers and clinicians — can grow complacent, Brooks says, but it does mean they have to be realistic, find the right partners and empower the people they encounter.

Parkinson's is a complex, highly variable disease. Every case is different. "I admire the resilience and the determination and the ability for patients to make the most of things," she says. "It's not easy."

Brooks' time from college onward has been about confronting uncertainty. The people the foundation is trying to help experience uncertainty at a far greater level. But then again, if the disease comes that way, so may a cure.

"Those were ideas we didn't expect to be there," says Brooks of the PPMI research. "But we're on a path to better treatments and maybe even prevention."

— NOAH ROBERTSON '19

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS: Since 2010, the Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative has followed 1,400 volunteers with and without Parkinson's to study what triggers the disease.



Medicine & Music

DR. MIKE FITCH '93 HAS A DUAL PASSION FOR BARBERSHOP SINGING AND HEALING OTHERS



LIVE ONSTAGE: Mike Fitch '93 (left) and Forecast Quartet performed at the Mormon Tabernacle in 2019, "one of many memorable stages where we've had the honor to share our music," he says.

ALUMNI PROFILE Roughly twice a month, Dr. Michael "Mike" Fitch '93 leaves the emergency department at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and drives two hours to a small Virginia town to sing in an empty church.

He and three other vocalists from North Carolina and Virginia are all part of a competitive barbershop group called Forecast Quartet. They come to this central location to practice their music, where sounds of long-sustained chords, tight harmonies and bouncing bass lines can be heard late into the evening.

"One of the blessings and challenges of this quartet is that we span that long distance, and I think that's helped us to find opportunities to sing everywhere we do," says Fitch, an emergency physician and professor at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, where he also serves as vice chair for academic affairs in emergency medicine and as the associate dean of faculty affairs.

DISCOVERY OF A PASSION

For Fitch, co-founder of the Gentlemen of the College, one of the oldest a cappella groups at William & Mary, music — and barbershop in particular — has always been a major part of his life.

When he left his small Ohio town to come to William & Mary in the fall of 1989, he didn't know what he wanted to study. "Where I came from, it wasn't a given that everyone was going to go to college. I was attracted to William & Mary because it was an institution that focused on educating undergraduates," he recalls. "I came to Williamsburg not knowing what I wanted to pursue — I didn't even know what high school Advanced Placement classes were until I met my new classmates at W&M — but I did know I wanted to find a group to sing with."

In high school, Fitch had connected with local quartets and groups in the Ohio-Indiana border region and fell in love with the close harmonies and ringing seventh chords that are trademarks of

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"I STILL LOOK FOR CREATIVE OUTLETS AND HAVE SINCE GRADUATION. SINGING, FOR ME, IS A PASSION, AND I LIKE TO CALL IT A 'VERY SERIOUS HOBBY.'"

this genre of singing. On campus in Williamsburg, though, there were no existing groups that fit the bill.

Fitch and a fellow student decided to form their own group to fill what they saw as a missing niche in the music scene. They brought together a collection of interested men across campus and soon realized they were on to something. In January 1990, the Gentlemen of the College — also known as the Gentlemen, or just the "Gents" — was officially formed.

"We held our first rehearsals in the basement of Tazewell and in Ewell Hall 151 and had a handful of performances that spring. Our first 'solo' gig was at the 'Change of Pace' concert series, and our last one that semester was live on the WCWM radio station," he says.

As the academic year drew to a close, they began looking toward the future of the group beyond when the seniors graduated. Fitch remembers, "That fall we had our first auditions, got officially approved by student activities and started doing more and more performances. Things took off from there with tours, singing for alumni chapters and venues in the area and really building a camaraderie with the group that we could watch grow — even after those of us who were there at the beginning later graduated and went away."

Now, more than 30 years later, the dream of creating a self-sustaining, long-lived student-run group at William & Mary has been realized — the Gentlemen of the College is William & Mary's oldest men's a cappella group, and has performed for heads of state, at the White House and U.S. Capitol, on live television, internationally and much more, with over 15 albums recorded to date.

"It was a great creative outlet while you were getting this great education," Fitch says, "And it's still that and so much more for the group today."

DISCOVERY OF A CALLING

While leading the Gentlemen as the group's first music director, Fitch took courses in biology under the mentorship of Larry Wiseman, now a professor emeritus. It was due in large part to Wiseman's guidance and direction that Fitch realized his desire to study medicine.

"I had an inspiring science teacher in high school which I think started my interest. So, when I came to W&M, I signed up for Biology 101 and met my to-be mentor, Professor Wiseman. He helped me see biology and science as a career interest for me and we've stayed friends to this day."

In the summers, Fitch participated in undergraduate research at William & Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science, joined a program at the University

of North Carolina at Chapel Hill performing biomedical research and eventually joined another mentor, now-retired professor Lloyd Guth, to perform neuroscience research at William & Mary.

"Getting to know him and doing this work I started to think, 'All right, maybe I should look into medical school,'" he says.

Fitch went on to receive his Ph.D. in 1999 and his M.D. in 2001 from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He completed his residency at the Carolinas Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine in Charlotte, North Carolina, and then secured a teaching and emergency medicine position at Wake Forest.

"Now, as an academic emergency physician, a great part of my job is that I get the chance to provide mentorship and teaching moments to doctors and specialists who are in residency here. On top of that, I really enjoy working with a team to address anything and everything that comes in on a daily basis," he says.

Fitch also does interviews for the Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Health System on local and national television. He is often tapped to provide medical advice during holidays and major weather events, as well as on how to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Sometimes when they call me to do a media spot, it's because the outlet wants a physician to answer questions that your mom probably knows the answer to and would give you the correct direction," Fitch quips, "but they want to hear it from a doctor."



ONLINE: Watch *Forecast Quartet in action* at magazine.wm.edu/fitch.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Fitch and the Gentlemen of the College pose in front of the Wren Building in 1993. The group was founded in January 1990.





FOR THE RECORD:
Forecast Quartet has a new album streaming on Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music and more.



I like to joke that I get to give a lot of my mom's advice as a doctor."

The singing group he is currently in, Forecast Quartet, has been singing together in its current lineup for about six years.

"I still look for creative outlets and have since graduation. Singing, for me, is a passion, and I like to call it a 'very serious hobby,'" he says with a laugh. "As Forecast, we have had some wonderful opportunities to sing at some great venues across the country, perform custom arrangements and in recent years have shifted our focus to finding fun performing experiences."

Forecast Quartet performs barbershop versions of songs by the Zac Brown Band, Michael Bublé, the Jive Aces, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and more, and has appeared on stages including Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas and the Birchmere in Alexandria, Virginia, in Salt Lake City at the home of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and as part of a weekend of World War II reenacting in Pennsylvania.

The effects of the pandemic on the quartet's performance schedule allowed them the opportunity to record their first, self-titled studio album, "Forecast," which can be found on all digital platforms.

"After the pandemic restrictions started to lift, we did our first performance at a retirement community to an empty amphitheater — we were being filmed and sent to the residents' televisions, but it was an interesting and fun experience," he says.

Fitch says there is no comparison to the joy of a live show. Forecast has continued expanding their performances, including their most recent large performance when they opened for Steve Martin at the Tanger Center for the Performing Arts in Greensboro, North Carolina.

During the pandemic, he even started a quartet with his wife and two daughters: "We call ourselves 'Which Fitch?' and we have a great time singing together as a family."

30 YEARS OF MUSIC, 30 YEARS OF CONNECTIONS

One of the most important connections throughout Fitch's life has been back to William & Mary and the Gentlemen of the College. Since he graduated in 1993, Fitch returned to campus every spring for the group's "Final Concert," its last musical performance of the academic year, which serves as a showcase of work since the previous fall. Even as an emergency physician, school of medicine associate dean and semi-professional musician, Fitch makes time to come back to W&M.

"It has been exciting to see the group both evolve and hold on to those things that make the group so unique. One of the things I have seen is that the current members have a real connection with the alumni and our history as the Gentlemen," he says.

From the Gentlemen's "silly-tie" uniform to old-standard songs, close-knit camaraderie and senior send-offs, the traditions of the group are as storied as the alumni who come back each year. Traditions, Fitch says, are not only what makes William & Mary special, but they are what has kept the Gentlemen connected to each other and to the alumni across the decades.

"Even though a lot of things have changed and new traditions have developed, so much of what makes the Gentlemen special has stayed the same and a big part of what I love in life — bringing people together over a shared love of creating music together."

— JACOB A. MILLER '18

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THE W&M COMMUNITY GATHERED ON CAMPUS OCT. 6-9
FOR HOMECOMING & REUNION WEEKEND 2022



UNDER THE BIG TENT:
The Sunken Garden was home to a wide range of Homecoming & Reunion Weekend festivities, and the signature big white tent glowed green and gold throughout the weekend.

W&M HOMECOMING With so many great events to choose from, every corner of William & Mary was buzzing with activity at this year's Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, held Oct. 6-9. Alumni, parents, students, family and friends returned to campus to reconnect and celebrate the many ways they make William & Mary their own — the friendships, activities and traditions that define each person's W&M experience.

All-alumni band N'est Pas kicked off the weekend's celebrations at the Friday Night Fest. Chip Esten '87, star of "Nashville" and "Outer Banks," and his bandmates Clem Cheng '86, John "Rocker" Hendrickson '88, Chris "Nike" Neikirk '88, Art "RT" Schmalz '88 and Dennis Whelan '87 (with special appearances by Jeff Williams '88 and Cory DeAngelo '90) set the tone for a weekend full of fun and reminiscing.

On Saturday morning, the Presidential Conversation explored the role of the media in democracy in the U.S. and around the globe. Alumni journalists spoke with President Katherine Rowe on issues including how the media can encourage diversity of voices and freedom of expression in this polarized environment.

And what would Homecoming be without tailgating? Before the Tribe took on the University of Delaware Blue Hens on Saturday afternoon, the W&M community gathered for the Homecoming Tailgate in the Sunken Garden and affinity and identity group tailgates on the Alumni House Lawn, hosted by the Crim Dell Association (LGBTQ+ alumni), the Hulon Willis Association (alumni of Black and African descent), the Latinx Alumni Association, Asian-Pacific Islander-Middle Eastern Alumni and the Society of 1918 (women's giving society). New this year, a student showcase highlighted W&M's talented student groups.

Homecoming Grand Marshals Bill Armbruster '57 and Betty-Wright Armbruster '58, along with the W&M dance and cheerleading teams and twirlers, led the crowd in the spirited Green & Gold Walk before the football game, where the Armbrusters were honored for their many years of devotion to William & Mary. They have been attending Homecoming and other W&M events for more than 60 years and are longtime volunteer leaders and supporters of W&M Athletics and the W&M Alumni Association.

Alumni from class years ending in 2 and 7 celebrated their 5th through 45th Reunions on Saturday night, with special additional celebrations for the

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Young Guard (alumni within 10 years of graduation) and the classes of 2020-2022.

The Association of 1775 hosted its popular military and veterans breakfast with special guest speaker Lt. Gen. Maria R. Gervais, deputy commanding general and chief of staff for U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. The Olde Guard (alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more) enjoyed a Friday brunch. The Order of the White Jacket (OWJ) held a 50th anniversary celebration of their commitment to awarding significant scholarship opportunities for William & Mary students, strengthening bonds between alumni, alma mater, and the William & Mary Alumni Association, and honoring the work ethic of students and alumni who worked in food service to finance their education.

Though Homecoming has changed in various ways over the six decades the Armbrusters have been attending, they always enjoy their tailgate with friend Don Beck '64, getting together with the Olde Guard (of which Bill is a former chair) and OWJ and catching up with friends, including Bill's Kappa Alpha brothers.

"It's always an incredible experience, spending time with the friends who have meant the most to us," says Bill Armbruster. "It is like coming home."

— CLAUDE DE LISLE M.B.A. '21



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Bill Armbruster '57 & Betty-Wright Armbruster '58



Welcoming Honorary Alumni

JAMES ARMSTRONG P '21, THOMAS DUFFY, JODY FORSYTH P '15 AND PETER MEREDITH P '01 JOIN THE ALUMNI FAMILY

HONORARY ALUMNI This year, four exemplary individuals — James “Jamie” Armstrong P '21, Thomas Duffy, Jody Forsyth P '15 and Peter Meredith P '01 — were nominated by members of the W&M community and chosen by the William & Mary Alumni Association (WMAA) Board of Directors to receive honorary alumni status. The recipients were selected for their exceptional service and commitment to William & Mary.

JAMES “JAMIE” ARMSTRONG P '21 is a retired associate professor of music and former director of choirs at William & Mary. From 1996 until his retirement in May, he taught courses at varying levels and influenced generations of students. In honor of his exceptional teaching and research, he has received the 2006 WMAA Faculty Service Award, the 1999 WMAA Fellowship Award for Teaching and the Julius Herford Prize for Distinguished Doctoral Research in Choral Music.

Under Armstrong’s direction, the choir represented the university on the world stage on many occasions, including eight international concert tours and performances for former President Bill Clinton, the late Queen Elizabeth II, the sesquicentennial commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation and more. Armstrong has said that the choir is “woven completely into the life of the college and the campus.” He and the choir have elevated key W&M events with their music, including Charter Day, awards ceremonies and Homecoming & Reunion Weekend.

According to those who know him, his genuine love for music, for his students and for William & Mary is passionate and abundant. During the pandemic, Armstrong organized a video of over 200 students and alumni singing “Our Alma Mater” to raise spirits and connect the W&M community. Generations of students, parents and fellow professors share an utmost respect for “Dr. A,” as he is affectionately known, because of his dedication to students, deep appreciation for music and authentic love of teaching.

THOMAS DUFFY, a volunteer assistant coach for the W&M men’s soccer team, has been an active and engaged member of the Tribe community for

more than 23 years. As a friend, mentor and leader for generations of players, he shows his commitment and love for the team and for William & Mary as a whole. Not only does he set an example for the members of the team with his experience, patience and determination, but he is also instrumental in teaching them values that are the cornerstone of W&M: excellence, integrity, respect and service. Duffy goes above and beyond his role as an assistant coach, preparing the gear for every game, organizing the equipment year-round, keeping the locker room in prime condition and counseling players on and off the field. Colleagues and students alike have remarked on his mentorship, taking the time to interact with athletes and support them both in life and on the field.

When he moved to Williamsburg more than two decades ago, Duffy was encouraged by his wife, Peggy, to connect with William & Mary. Now, she frequently attends games where Duffy coaches, cheering the soccer team on to victory from the sidelines. In 2012, the men’s soccer program created the Tom and Peggy Natoli Duffy Endowment, a demonstration of appreciation for all that the Duffys have done for generations of players on the men’s soccer team.

JODY FORSYTH P '15 currently serves on the William & Mary Foundation Board as a member-at-large on the Executive Committee — he also has served as the vice chair of the Investments Committee, chair of the Scholarship Committee and as a member of Budget & Finance and Development Strategy committees. A prominent leader and critical partner on the board, Forsyth travels multiple times per year to Williamsburg from his home in Canada to attend board meetings. In addition to his foundation service, Forsyth previously taught as an adjunct professor at W&M Law School, from which his daughter graduated in 2018, and his class on private equity was popular among students.

Described as a dedicated leader, insightful mentor and committed friend, Forsyth has touched the lives of many in the W&M community, especially students who would not have had the opportunity



to study at W&M without his generosity. He and his family have provided funding for Swem Library's Special Collections Research Center and have established the Forsyth Family Scholarship and the Forsyth Family W&M Scholars Undergraduate Research Experience in support of W&M Scholars, who are students who have overcome unusual adversity and/or are members of underrepresented groups who would contribute to campus diversity. Many are the first in their families to attend college. In recognition of his generosity, Forsyth has been inducted into the Green & Gold Society, the James Blair Society and the Chancellor's Society. Forsyth personally gets to know the beneficiaries of his scholarships, inspiring and encouraging them as a supportive mentor.

PETER MEREDITH P '01 comes from an extended family of 12 William & Mary graduates, and his love for W&M runs deep. Meredith's dedication and generosity to the university is abundant, as demonstrated by the establishment of the Harper Family Scholarship and the Meredith Family Scholarship,

both of which provide assistance for undergraduate students with demonstrated need. For his remarkable generosity supporting future generations of scholars, he was inducted into the Green & Gold Society, the James Blair Society and the Royal Charter Society. Meredith also served on one of the *For the Bold* regional campaign committees, rallying alumni support in South Hampton Roads, and he co-hosted the 2019 South Hampton Roads Campaign Celebration at the Chrysler Museum — where he announced that he was doubling the size of the Meredith Family Scholarship Endowment.

Meredith's daughter, Harper Meredith Lea '01, for whom the Harper Family Scholarship was named, graduated from W&M in 2001 and deepened the family's love for the Tribe. Both Meredith and his wife, Penny Harper Meredith '73, P '01, served as chairs for the Parent & Family Council, heading fundraising efforts. He is also a proud season ticket holder for W&M Football and one of the Tribe's biggest fans.

— JULIA DEKORTE '23

WELCOME: *Honorary alumni from 2020, 2021 and 2022 were recognized in a ceremony during Commencement 2022. From left to right, Michael Halleran HON '21, Valerie Foradas HON '21, Patricia J. Dwyer HON '20, President Katherine A. Rowe, Jody Forsyth P '15, HON '22, Peter Meredith P '01, HON '22 and James Armstrong P '21, HON '22.*



Honoring Service

THIS YEAR'S AWARDEES REPRESENT WILLIAM & MARY'S VALUES THROUGH THEIR SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE W&M ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REVIEW & ACCOLADES

The William & Mary Alumni Association's awards and review process is a way to recognize regional alumni network leadership teams that have demonstrated exemplary programming and a commitment to engaging fellow alumni with alma mater. Read about the winning networks and events from the past year at magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives/accolades-2022.

ALUMNI AWARDS Each year, alumni are recognized for their exceptional service to the William & Mary Alumni Association (WMAA) and the university with the Douglas N. Morton '62 Alumni and Young Alumni Service Awards. These alumni are constantly working to engage, connect and support alumni wherever they are.

The awards are named in honor of alumnus Doug Morton for his distinguished volunteer leadership at the university. The recipients of this award emulate his dedication to W&M as volunteer leaders, engaged participants in events, generous donors, supportive mentors and more. And to further their impact, they also encourage and inspire other alumni to give back to their alma mater in any way they can, cultivating a deeply connected alumni community in which all feel welcomed.

In addition to the Alumni Service Awards, the WMAA recognizes two additional members of the Tribe for their service to the Alumni Association through the Staff Service Award, given to a staff or faculty member, and the Coach of the Year Award, recognizing exceptional achievement in coaching an intercollegiate varsity sport at W&M.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony on Feb. 11, 2023, during Charter Day Weekend. Read more at magazine.wm.edu/service-awards-2022.



KAREN BURNETT '72
Alumni Service Award

Burnett has been on the leadership team for the W&M Charleston Network since 2007. She served as president from 2009-2010 and again from 2015 to the present.

She hosts events for alumni in the area and works to connect alumni with each other, reaching out to new residents to help them feel welcomed in the community. She sets the tone for the network's passionate and engaged leadership team.

"The best thing about being a volunteer leader for almost 20 years is being able to meet and develop close friendships with so many terrific alumni and their families across the Lowcountry. Despite their diverse ages, occupations and interests, our W&M alumni family in Charleston is exceptionally close and generous — they make it so easy to plan and

execute fun and successful events, which are often hosted in private homes. I'd like to give a shout out to this year's hosting families and so many others who go above and beyond to make our network special."



**JIMMY LOCKEDMONDS '08,
M.ACC. '09**

Alumni Service Award

Lockedmonds is a board member of the W&M D.C. Network and actively engages with students through the W&M Washington Center. He is also the co-chair of the Crim Dell Leadership Circle and a member of the inaugural advisory board for the Crim Dell Association, the LGBTQ+ alumni group, playing an integral role in the strategic planning process. He previously served on the *For the Bold* regional campaign committee.

"I discovered my passion for development and advancement as a phonathoner at William & Mary. I love reminiscing with alumni about shared and different experiences. I think it is important to give back in whatever way you can to ensure students and alumni continue to have positive and meaningful W&M experiences. Your relationship with W&M doesn't have to stop after you graduate! I have connected and reconnected with so many alumni and I am so happy I can continue to provide my services to strengthen our alumni network."



**TAMARA WAMSLEY '80,
P '06, P '11**
Alumni Service Award

Wamsley has been on the leadership team of the William & Mary Charlottesville Network since 2017 and has served as the president since 2019. During COVID-19, she developed various virtual and outdoor programs to keep alumni engaged during the pandemic, frequently coordinating with W&M's Highland. Wamsley also works diligently to ensure W&M Charlottesville supports alumni-owned businesses through recognizing alumni and their businesses at events, partnering with them on programs and spotlighting them on Facebook.

"Giving back to William & Mary has provided me with fresh, fun challenges and relationships

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that make my days richer. Most importantly, it has allowed me to give back to the Tribe as a proud and grateful alumna, wife to an alumnus and parent of two sons who are also alumni. Working with alumni in the region and the alumni engagement staff, I am able to help W&M graduates know our school is always here for us and we for it. GO TRIBE!”



KATHERINE COVINO '12
Young Alumni Service Award

Covino served on the D.C. Metro Alumni Network board beginning in 2015, and as the treasurer from 2017-2018 and the president from 2019-2021. She oversaw well-

received events including the Evening at the Embassy: Italy in 2019 and shared her expertise as a panelist for the Welcome to the City: Welcome to the Real World events in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Covino is also on the steering committee of the Society of 1918, a group committed to growing the engagement, leadership and philanthropy of W&M women.

“Being a volunteer for William & Mary has enriched my life by introducing me to other alumni and students, allowing me to share my professional and life experiences thus far with students and younger alumni and letting me celebrate my love for all things W&M. The various avenues that I have volunteered in have only deepened my connection with W&M and make me more proud each passing year to be an alumna. The Tribe community does not stop at graduation and is lifelong.”



THALIA HERNANDEZ '18
Young Alumni Service Award

Hernandez joined the Leadership Circles for the Crim Dell Association (LGBTQ+ alumni) and Latinx Alumni post-graduation, representing and advocating for her intersect-

ing identities. She takes the time to share her thoughtful feedback with W&M staff and fellow alumni and attend in-person and virtual events. Hernandez championed the renaming of LGBTQ+ Alumni to the Crim Dell Association, and was integral to adding gender, sexuality and pronoun designations in the alumni database.

“I am so grateful for the opportunity to connect with incredible LGBTQ+ and Latinx leaders, learn from their perspectives and build stronger alumni communities alongside them. The relationships I’ve been able to build and the work we’ve accomplished together to create new identity-based alumni associations are truly the highlights of my time post-graduation!”



FOREST BRADEN
Coach of the Year

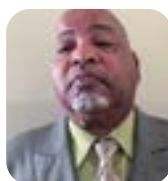
W&M’s head cross country coach, Braden has been selected by the W&M Alumni Association Board of Directors to receive the 2022 Coach of the Year award for his dedication

and achievements. During his time as coach, Braden has led the Tribe to new records, raised the university’s visibility on the national stage and represented the core W&M value of excellence. He is *All In* for W&M Athletics and our student-athletes.

Braden has been at W&M since the 2017-18 season and has taken the men’s cross country team to the CAA championships every year since. In the 2021 championships, W&M came in first place, resulting in a 34-year streak of finishing either first or second in the league meet. The Tribe now holds 28 championship titles.

Braden has won five CAA Coach of the Year awards, becoming the first person in CAA history to win the award for both men’s and women’s cross country — and he pushed the envelope even further by winning them both in the same season. Four of the awards recognized his leadership of the men’s team.

“Forest’s teams excel year after year,” W&M Athletics Director Brian Mann says. “I credit his own experience as an All-American and his passion for developing his student athletes to the very best of their abilities. We are very lucky to have him on our team!”



SHERRY L. 'LONNIE' PEACE
Staff Service Award

Peace, the head of moving and storage for the facilities team at W&M, brings the university’s core value of belonging to campus events by ensuring W&M feels like a home

away from home for our community. When in-person events resumed after two years of largely virtual programming, Peace went above and beyond in setting the stage for many widely anticipated campus events, including the Charter Day Ceremony, Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, the Alumni Medallion and Service Awards Ceremony, the Legacy Brunch and graduate reception and various W&M Athletics events.

Peace’s outstanding service was also instrumental in the opening of the expanded W&M Alumni House. As alumni near and far travel to visit the new building, Peace has been involved in setting up countless events, offering alumni a warm welcome back to campus. During his 32 years at W&M, Peace’s dedication to the university and cheerful attitude have been steadfast examples of the spirit of the William & Mary community.

— JULIA DEKORTE '23

Remember Me?

So much has changed, but one thing has stayed the same; the pride I have in being a WILLIAM & MARY Graduate.



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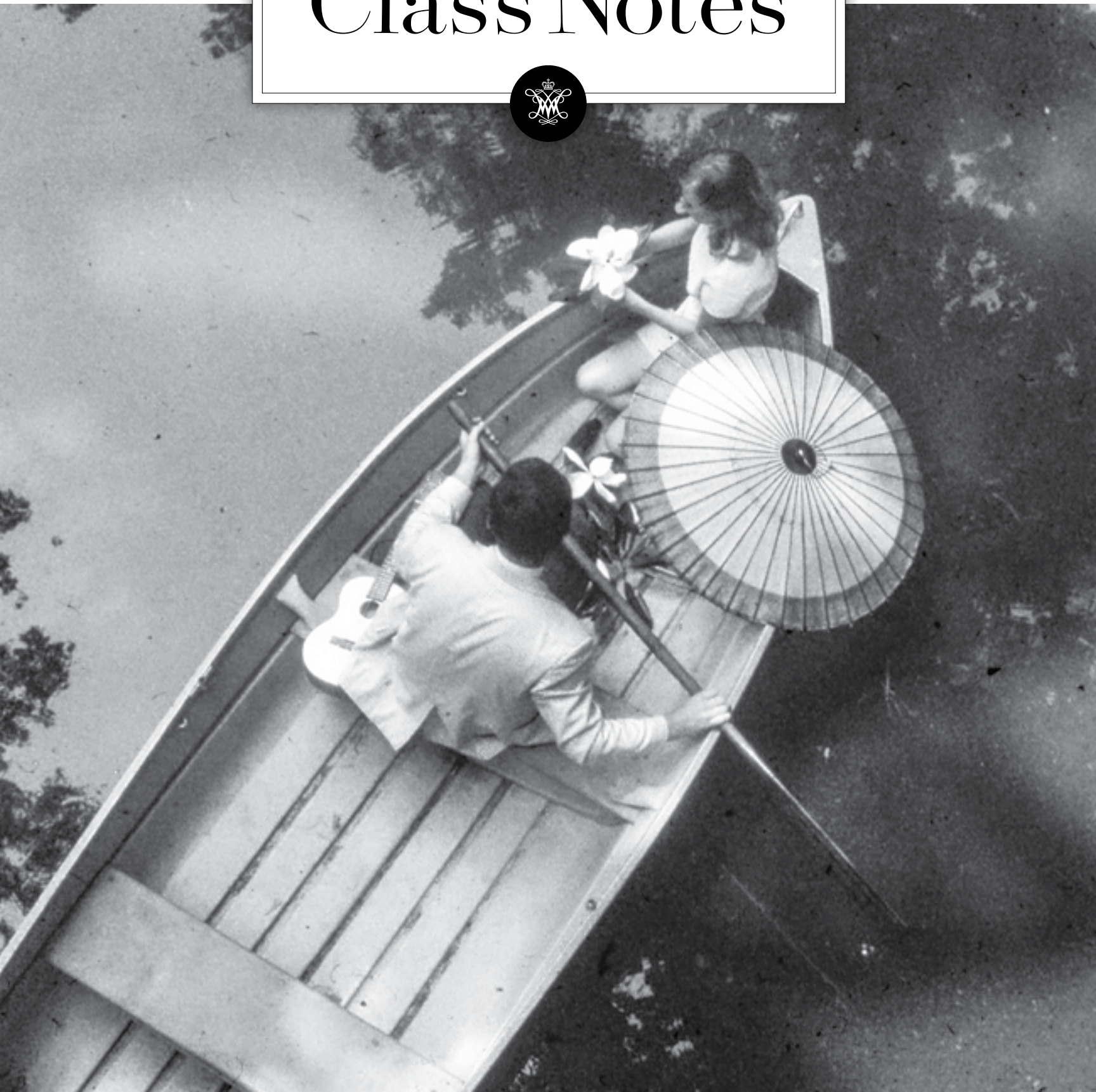
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Class Notes



WHAT'S THE STORY?

Students have enjoyed boating on Lake Matoaka for generations. The lake was constructed by English colonists about 25 years after William & Mary was chartered in 1693. It is named for Chief Powhatan's daughter, also known as Pocahontas. The lake is closed to the public and is used for recreation by members of the W&M community and for W&M classes and research.

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Class Notes has been a William & Mary tradition for decades, made possible by the efforts of our dedicated volunteer class reporters. While we make every effort to collect columns and check facts, each column is the responsibility of the class reporter.

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My most loyal classmate correspondent, **Floie DeHart Burns**, said it exactly right. "I'm guessing this is the weekend of Alex's graduation. I would be so proud if she were my granddaughter!" **Alex Vincent '16** graduated from Georgetown University Medical School on Sunday, May 22. She plans to specialize in pediatrics at DuPont Children's Hospital in Delaware. Alex received her B.S. in neuroscience from William & Mary in 2016.

Floie has been as busy as COVID-19 restrictions allow. Some of her news: "Today a young woman from Spain [one of her students] picked me up and we picnicked under the bridge overlooking the intercostal highway. She and her husband went to Fiji for Christmas, then she went to Spain." Floie also said, "One of my students referred a friend of hers

to me whose son is a missionary in Morocco. She wants to be able to speak French when she visits him. And this Tuesday we're having an open house here called International Day with each table representing a different country. Several of my students are going to sing French drinking songs."

I hope you have had a happy summer. If you have traveled to an interesting place or even stayed home, let me hear from you.

1956 ♀

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Have you put away your blue, purple and gray face masks? Let's hope so! And here's to good health to those of us in the Class of 1956.

Jane Dougherty Marfizo reports that her and **Bill Marfizo's** grandson, **William Brake '22**, graduated this spring from William

& Mary, magna cum laude, in English with honors. He is the third generation of the family to graduate from the College, following his grandparents (1956) and parents, **Susan Marfizo Brake '86** and **Ben Brake '86**. Another of Jane's grandsons, Daniel King, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. None of the Marfizos attended the graduations, due to illness. Jane hopes to visit Williamsburg in the fall with her daughter, Susan. **Jane Thompson Kaplan** had brunch with William Brake and his family during graduation weekend.

Bart Tayer and his son had their annual golf trip in May and Bart chose the W&M alumni event to participate in (trip down memory lane). Bart relived his first days on campus by tipping his beanie to Lord Botetourt in front of the Wren Building. He found the campus just as beautiful as in the '50s. He remembers his fantastic college experience with fabulous faculty instructing us in preparation for our lives ahead. Bart recommends a visit to our alma mater before time runs out!

Diane Hamel Hoyt, in a reminiscing mood in Massachusetts, recalls **Fay Clark '55**, **Andrea "Andy" Thunander**, **Linda Lavin '59** and the W&M theater — remember "Antigone" or "She Stoops to Conquer," and lunches of Spaghettios in our rooms listening to "The Romance of Helen Trent" on the radio, pizza at The Corner Greeks and beautiful spring in Williamsburg! What a walk down memory lane! Diane says now her days are filled with memorial services and doctors' appointments, yoga, Pilates, walking (with a cane) and providing advice to her children and grandchildren, whether they like it or not. Sherm and Diane, keep on keepin' on!

Tricia Kizzia Landen reports on her wonderful family: Her oldest son, **Michael Landen '82**, is an epidemiologist, so she and **Bob Landen '52** are well taken care of. They also have two daughters: **Amy Landen Broocke '89**, who is living in Richmond and is a teacher, and **Jill Landen '86**, who is living in the Outer Banks, North Carolina, and is a curator. Their son in California, **Robert Landen '84**, is a lawyer and guess what? They all graduated from William & Mary!! The Landens have a red tail squirrel "living" on their back porch. Williamsburg Landing is a nature paradise.

Hugh MacMahon is cruising through retirement. His latest was 14 days on a midsize ship (Grand Circle Line) on the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, passing lots of vineyards with Riesling grapes. Passenger numbers were reduced due to COVID-19. Most picturesque was the Alsace-Lorraine area. On the upper Rhine, they passed 24-25 castles on a two- or three-hour cruise. Hugh is planning a fall trip covering Sweden, Norway and Finland. Although

physically doing well, Hugh says this may be the last cruise. (It's the "getting there" that's not for "old folks!")

Not so good news from **Les Sykes Waldron** who, at this writing, is suffering from shingles. The bright side is that Williamsburg had a beautiful spring!

John Hummel and **Nancy Harshbarger Hummel** attended the W&M baseball series against the University of Delaware. The season had been "fair to middlin'," but the College won all three games and got a spot in the CAA Tournament at Elon University, eliminating Delaware!

Will Molineux and **Mary Sawyer Molineux** attended the Commencement weekend Legacy Reception for the Class of 2022, sponsored by the W&M Alumni Association. Invited to the event held in the hall of the Alumni House were relatives of graduating seniors who are also William & Mary alumni. The latest graduate in the extended Molineux family is **Emily Bommer '22**, the daughter of **Stephen Bommer '87**, who is a W&M grad, and the granddaughter of Will's sister **Sollace Molineux Bommer '59** and her late husband, **Peter Bommer '59**, both alumni. Emily already has a job in Seattle. Will also mentioned time spent during Traditions Weekend with **Kathy Hamilton Steinwedell '57**, strolling the campus and visiting — Kathy is a pickleball player! Will also had a long conversation with **Jack White '57**, who with his wife, **Sylvia Beck White '57**, was considering a move to a retirement community.

We're "hangin' in there." Most activities center around the church, singing in the choir and volunteer work, and then

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there are the appointments and PT for Ed. We hope you enjoyed your summer.

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Class Reporter

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A reduced time schedule for the next issue of the W&M Alumni Magazine has mandated one of our smaller letters from The Great Class of 1957. We will return with our usual large column for the subsequent issue.

I had a great telephone chat with **Alice Matthews Erikson** who told us she has had a renewed athletic rebirth playing pickleball here in Williamsburg. She has been playing a lot and truly enjoys the game and the competition. She resides in Kingsmill, a large community here in the 'Burg.

Alice also noted that **Bill Armbruster**, too, is seen frequently on area pickleball courts and tells us that Bill qualified for the national championships in our age group and went to Florida to compete there. Congrats to both Alice and Bill.

Marsha and I recently had dinner with **Jane Thompson Kaplan '56** and **Jim Kaplan** at their lovely home at Williamsburg Landing, where we had a terrific evening with them. [Editor's note: Jim Kaplan passed away on July 3. See magazine. wm.edu/online-exclusives/jim-kaplan.php for more.] Marsha and I had just been to the official groundbreaking for the construction of W&M's remarkable new sports complex at Kaplan Arena, which will include new outdoor tennis facilities, a connected practice building and a total indoor refurbishment of Kaplan Arena itself.

We've come a long way from old Blow Gymnasium ... that's for sure!

Finally, your writer last month received

the William & Mary Olde Guard Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the College at the recent Olde Guard Luncheon. I am honored by the award and have done many things for our great college, but, 1957 classmates, I've been called lots of things, and "distinguished" has never been one of them.

Give me a call and bring me up to date on your doings.

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Greetings Class of 1958!

As our last column indicated, we're just getting used to gathering your news, so this entry will be brief. Its theme is MOVING.

Bud Mooney has moved from his apartment in Washington, D.C., where he lived for many years, to Collington Apartments in Maryland, close enough to D.C. for him to continue to take advantage of all the city offers.

Beverly Wilson Palmer and her husband, Hans, have also moved from their Arlington, Virginia, apartment just down the road to Vinson Hall in McLean, Virginia, and are now getting used to its activities: lectures, field trips, social hours and the like. Having moved four times now in four years (big house in Claremont, California, and two apartments there before moving to Virginia), they have discarded lots of "stuff" but alas aren't finished yet. Sound familiar?

From Savannah, Georgia, **Sue Davis Addington** sent the best

description of our current transitions, and we print it in full for your enjoyment:

"Yes, we are moving to the 'home.' After 25 years in the same house, we are moving to a senior living place nearby, still on Skidaway Island in Georgia. We are now ridding ourselves of hundreds of books, furniture, pictures and other treasures — such as the W&M Women Student Government 1954 rule book. Will there be a housemother in the 'home'? We hope not. Here's to old age and senior living!!!!!"

We welcome your news for our winter 2023 W&M Alumni Magazine. Please tell us about relocating, traveling, reconnecting with old friends — whatever is going on.

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You all were great to respond to my request for news! The deadline crept up on me, but you came through for my column.

David Middleton had his 90th birthday in May! His son invited him to celebrate it with him by fishing off the pier of a local lake. But when they got there, his son took him to a shelter where about 40 members of his family had come to celebrate. They had come from Rhode Island, Florida, Colorado, Virginia and various places scattered around locally, including Williamsburg. He got many nice gifts — but never went fishing!

Sandra Styron Wilbur is now living in Southern California after many years in Northern Virginia. The moderate climate and nearby grandchildren were the attraction, which is certainly understandable! They enjoy the lifestyle and the chance to swim in the pool all year long

there in Carlsbad, California. She has kept up with graduates **Di Titolo Alexander '61** and **Joe Alexander '60** and **Dot Mundy Doumar** and her husband, Judge Robert Doumar. Sandra is active with Smith College, where she received her Master of Social Work. She loves W&M news and notes the amazing accomplishments of our recent graduates. We are a college to be proud of!

Jim Dillard continues to work hard on behalf of our wonderful state parks, trying to get adequate funding. Our state parks are underfunded by \$100 million a year and short 304 full-time positions. They are seeking to add \$10 to the cost of vehicle registration, which would allow unlimited access to our parks. This would help with environmental justice for low-income families as well as raise \$50 million for the parks. Thank you for the time and effort you are putting into this, Jim.

Charlotte Tolley Etgen attended the Louisiana State University graduation for her granddaughter, who started working immediately for Bayer in St. Louis. Char says she is a plant biologist, whatever that means (per Char!).

I got a nice note from **Bev Harris Olsen**. She and her husband are living in a senior facility here in Richmond and are not really traveling anymore, but they have had lots of visits from children and grandchildren this spring. Their oldest of six grandchildren got married in Vancouver, Canada, where he lives, but he just made a trip here to Richmond to bring his new bride to meet them. Bev and her daughter Kay plan to make the short trip up to Laurel, Maryland, in June to visit classmate **Barbara Tomblor Corey**. She shared this story: "When we were sorority sisters around 1956, Barb and I made a trip from Williamsburg to the Naval Academy, where I introduced her to 'Midshipman Tom Corey' for a blind date — and

the rest is history!" What a great story to share!

Pat Milmo had sad news about two grads. **Bill Person '56** died in California. Pat and Bill played basketball together and went on to law school. Bill was a well-known judge and community leader in Williamsburg for 30 years. Also Pat's daughter let him know that another classmate, **Bill Davidson**, died just recently. Bill rose to be superintendent of schools in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and also was a director of two banks.

Penny Witzeman Nelson keeps busy as chairperson of food and beverage for Stoneridge, a continuous living community in Mystic, Connecticut. It is quite a job (but also fun!) communicating between the residents and the staff on an emotional subject — food! They keep the information going with lots of humor. I can imagine that each resident has his/her own preferences on food likes and dislikes! It's hard enough here in my house to agree on food for just **Jay Lawler '61** and me!

Speaking of Jay and me, in my last column I said we were to go to Akumal, Mexico, after Christmas with our daughter, **Terry Lawler Usry '88**, and her family, but we ended up going in the middle of March due to COVID-19. It was well worth the wait, though. We snorkeled and swam right off the beach with turtles, which was exciting. We had such a good time we have plans to go back next year!

Thanks to all of you who sent me news. It is such a treat to hear from you and share with classmates. Have a wonderful summer! GO TRIBE!

1960 ☼

Class Reporter

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As most of you already know, last year we lost

our dear classmate, irrepressible William & Mary cheerleader and Class of 1960 reporter **Warren Joblin**. I have agreed to try to take his place, and so I am counting on all of you to keep me posted on your adventures, large and small.

Di Titolo Alexander '61 and I had a delightful visit with **Miles Chappell** and his wife, Marcial, while we were in Williamsburg for Charter Day in February. Miles and Marcial have a lovely home full of Italian Renaissance paintings and drawings that are reminders of Miles' (past and continuing) work in art history in Florence, not to mention his own contemporary paintings as well. Miles is currently W&M Chancellor Professor Emeritus of Art History.

Sarah Delk Perkins reports that she and her husband, Tom, moved to Sumter, South Carolina, in 1983: "I went back to teaching after 22 years. Having to take courses to update credentials, I ended up getting my master's at 53. We moved to Columbia, South Carolina, in 1992 ... We decided to move to a retirement community in Columbia in 2016 ... However, Tom's health took a turn and he passed away July 31. We were married 56 years. Since then, I have become active in the residents' council here. My children and grandchildren all live in South Carolina. Life is good."

Roby Schrom Schmidt writes: "We moved to Franklin, Tennessee, in 2013 to be near our son and his family after having lived in Bethesda, Maryland, for 45 years, and we are enjoying it here."

Lynne Hagen Clarke reports that she and her husband, Bill, still live a few blocks from Mobile Bay in Fairhope, Alabama. She is still working on Lions projects but trying to pull back and hoping to resume her bridge game. Lynne and Bill

celebrated their 60-year anniversary with kids and grandkids at Gulf Shores, Alabama, in April.

Ginny Joyce Conger wrote that she and **George Conger '58** would be in Williamsburg in May to see their granddaughter, **Anna Virginia Conger '22**, graduate from W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business.

Marga Larson Bales writes from Williamsburg: "The new Phi Beta Kappa building has almost taken over the whole field and area around our new PBK from 1957! It is humongous and taking much too long to finish. Campus as we know it is almost gone except for the Wren Building and the Sunken Garden environs. I know change is constant, but I miss our walkways around familiar territory. Bill and I are fine and keep in touch with some of the local alumni. Williamsburg is no longer a sleepy town; lots of retirees have discovered it!!"

And finally, and remarkably, from **Ken Rice**: "On July 3, 2021, I suffered a stroke (brain bleed) that resulted in three clots in my brain. The stroke did not impact me physically, but the affected parts of my brain did impact reasoning, numbers, mathematics, speech and reading ... After five months of speech therapy, I made a remarkable recovery and made much progress ... I did not play golf for close to five and a half months but hope I will be able to play a couple of days a week very soon." Ken adds that "**Kay Elmore Rice** has been amazing in being with me every step of the way in the hospital, doctors appointments, speaking for me when I couldn't do so for myself, etc. I could never have done it without her. In the middle of my journey, she required meniscus surgery on her right leg on Dec. 30 to close out our year."

There is nothing that I could add to top Ken's closing comment: "We gave meaning to the saying, 'Old age is not for sissies.'"

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Note: Be sure to read the online version of these notes for the full, much longer content and a message from **Susan Bruton Bailey Cole**.

Al Owens '61, B.C.L. '63 is still procrastinating after 87 years ... "We sold our Airstream after about 20 years of Airstream travels over most of the country, including Alaska. We also made it to Newfoundland and the Canadian Maritimes."

"My son in Phoenix is the CEO of Café Valley, a commercial national bakery that provides products all over the country: 7UP cake to Aldi, croissants to Wendy's, etc. My daughter has lived in Spain since 1988 and is a contract professor of English at a Jesuit university in Madrid. I will have two granddaughters graduating this year, one from Barnard College and the other from Universidad Complutense de Madrid."

"Last year was my 45th year as a sidelines photographer of W&M Football; I gave up on basketball about 15 years ago because it required a late-night trip back to Norfolk. We missed Homecoming last year, my first miss ever ..."

Susie Radford Rice just returned from an Amazon-Machu Picchu trip, her first trip out of the country since her husband, Bob, passed in 2017. "I still maintain my beloved home in Virginia Beach on Great Neck Lake and walk the entire neighborhood every morning. My primary interests are gardening, writing, genealogy, holding

down several positions at my church including singing in the choir, keeping up with neighbors of 40 years and of course, traveling."

Nancy Espy Bedford: "My husband, Charlie Bedford, and I came to Atlanta in 1979 and have been very happy here. As we say in Presbyterianism, he 'joined the Church Triumphant' last year. I continue to live in our beautiful retirement community, Lenbrook, and have no plans to move."

"Charlie headed up a consortium of the 19 colleges and universities in Atlanta and the University of Georgia. I graduated from law school in 1983 and was trained as a mediator the same year. I practiced law for a few years before I was asked to assist a retired judge to mediate a high-profile case filed in court by over 100 patients claiming physical and sexual abuse, deprivation of education and forced labor. They were patients in a treatment center for emotionally disturbed youth. The cases were consolidated and settled out of court. We created a trust fund for others with similar claims who chose to not join the lawsuits. I administered the fund for several years. At the conclusion of the fund, I joined the Justice Center of Atlanta to mediate cases for five years in the USPS throughout the Southeast."

"We have hosted many international students studying in Atlanta. In 1995, a very special young man from Porto, Portugal, named Joao Rebelo came to Atlanta to do an MBA at Georgia Tech. We were his host family and went to Porto, Portugal, for his wedding in July 1996. Welcomed by his family and the bride's family, we became part of their families. We call Joao and his wife, Ana, our "Portuguese children"; we have three "Portuguese grandchildren." We are their parents and grandparents."

Bob Stoy '61, M.Ed. '65: "I do plan to attend Homecoming with my friend, mentor, football and baseball teammate,

Sigma Nu big brother, etc.: **Larry Peccatiello '58, M.Ed. '59.** Meanwhile, I am enjoying life with my precious family, friends, golf, travel, cruises, etc., trying to keep safe and healthy. GO TRIBE!"

Sue Meara Coyle '63: "I have sad news ... **Dick Coyle** died in December 2021. He had many health issues. **Katie Coyle '89** and I went back to W&M in August, and it was very memorable visit. My son, **R.J. Coyle '87**, is living in Georgia and is running for Georgia state legislature in November, which is an extremely important election. Life goes on. I hope all is well with you all."

Dottie Nowland Gavig: "I have connected this spring with classmates. **Liz Rader O'Neill** visited from South Carolina and she and I met **Fran McLean** for lunch in Virginia Beach. It was a fun time."

"Also had lunch with my 'roomie' from 65 years ago, **Janie Ridout Metts.** We strolled the campus, stopping at Jefferson Hall, where we roomed in 1957! Had real trip down 'memory lane'!"

Dave Bottoms: "I am still in Auburn, Alabama, where I now have a home and lake house. I will make my first trip to New York City in two years this week. I have a concert on Sept. 11 at Bargemusic (under the Brooklyn Bridge) where I will play some of my own music, as I have done for many years except those two COVID-19 years. I think my piano keeps me well and excited and engaged. I gave a recital at the Performing Arts Center of Auburn University for family and friends. Since I can no longer hit the jump shot, I have found other worthy pursuits."

"And I'm still working managing money for clients with my own company called Slate Stone in Jupiter, Florida, made up of old friends and colleagues. Fortunately, my brother and his wife live only a block away in the same settlement in Auburn. Great benefit."

Sue “Moe” Moyer Hardage and Bob Hardage ’58: “Traditions Weekend went well, and it was good to see some old friends, though a lot of people are not back into crowds yet. Bob and I are still trying to be as careful as we can. Graduation is next weekend. It doesn’t seem possible that that this school year is over!”

Ken Lounsbury ’62 in San Diego: “In-person gatherings with classmates have been curtailed, but frequent emails are exchanged with fellow Pikes: **Loye Bechtold, Bob Spallone, Bruce Hobbs and Bill Burnside.** We see **Robin Reighley ’63**, who is also in San Diego.”

Dorcas Brown ’62 is now fully retired and active in philanthropy. “After 56 years of practicing law, I’m nearing retirement. One more case needs to settle and then I’ll bid adieu. My oldest grandson is going to Columbia University for a master’s in the fall. My second grandson is a freshman at New York University. My third grandson is heading into middle school; he’s going (with his maternal grandmother, Katsue) to Japan for a semester, polishing his (nearly) fluent Japanese. My granddaughter, Abi, is a grade school gymnast, with an artistic bent.”

Charlie White ’61, B.C.L. ’63 and Tricia Lee White ’63 are celebrating the 60-year anniversary of their wedding in the Wren Chapel on June 16, 1962. Other W&M graduates who were in the wedding party were **Peter Yahr ’61, B.C.L. ’63** (best man), **Linda Lee Berryman ’67** (maid of honor), **Shore Robertson, Sally Chamblee Boykin ’63 and Jeff Graham ’62, B.C.L. ’65.** The Rev. **Eric Alexie ’63** officiated at the ceremony and Dr. Carl A. “Pappy” Fehr was the organist. Tricia and Charlie have lived in Alexandria, Virginia, for the past 39 years.

Dan Walker is in Northern Virginia. “I fell in December and was confined to a wheelchair until

two weeks ago. I’ve graduated to a walker and that seems to be the end point for my locomotion. Nancy is doing very well. She takes wonderful care of me and spends as much time working in our yard as the weather will allow. Our daughter, **Suzanne Walker Pantzer ’87**, and son, **Dan Walker Jr. ’87**, took her out craft shopping last Sunday, Mother’s Day. We have three grandchildren graduating this spring. Suzy’s daughter, Christina, will graduate from the University of Virginia in two weeks and will begin nursing school at Yale University in August, and her son, Paul, will graduate from high school in Constitution Hall 10 days later.”

Nancy Cobb: “Hi, everyone! I’ve been retired for several decades now and have been widowed for a number of years, and I still find that there are fewer hours in the day than anticipated to get everything done! My husband, Michael Wapner, and I were both professors in the psychology department at California State University, Los Angeles for over 30 years — hard work and great fun! In addition to teaching, I’ve written several textbooks in adolescence and child psychology. I am part of a large and boisterously harmonious family: our two children, my husband’s son from a previous marriage, and a niece, whom we both claim, and of course their children as well! Our son is a community organizer living in Northern California with his two children, our daughter is a publisher living in Oakland, California, with her family, my husband’s son is an artist in New York City and our niece works at one of the studios in Los Angeles. We all make frequent trips up and down the coast and across the country to keep in touch! Life is good!”

Paul Verkuil is enjoying traveling. “Judy and I ran into several W&M alums on our recent W&M-sponsored trip to Tahiti, a must-do for adventurous members of our

class. We were on a magnificent sailing ship, *Windstar*, and visited six islands including Moorea and Bora Bora, where ‘Mutiny on the Bounty’ was filmed. To get you stimulated for this trip, we recommend watching Marlon Brando in ‘Mutiny on the Bounty.’ Our next W&M trip is to Sicily in October. Warm regards to all.”

Allan Brownfeld ’61, B.C.L. ’64 is back in Italy! “I am enjoying my time in Italy, spending time with my four grandchildren here. I have been busy attending their athletics and musical events. My son is a diplomat representing our country in Italy and Slovenia. There are an increasing number of Ukrainian refugees here in northern Italy (about an hour from Venice). My son has been organizing a food drive for them and my daughter-in-law has been organizing Italian classes.”

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Jim McGlothlin ’62, B.C.L. ’64, LL.D. ’00, who is chairman and CEO of The United Company, helped with others to establish casino gaming in Virginia. Jim was named among Virginia’s “Top 50 Heavy Hitters” by Virginia Business Magazine.

That is all the news I received for the column. I know we can do better.

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is on its way, and since it is our 60th Reunion, I hope we will see some of you in Williamsburg this Oct. 6-9. It is hard to believe it has been 10 years since our 50th.

I am writing this on my cell due to the fact my computer is in the shop. I have adjusted to living alone. I am in the process of getting Grace Church Yorktown Book

and Gift Shop open after being closed for two years due to the pandemic. It is keeping me busy as its manager.

Stay well and safe. Hope to see you in October in Williamsburg.

1963 ☉

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Fortunately, a few Christmas notes arrived after I wrote the last Class Notes. So, I have some news to report.

Rosemary Brewer Philips and **Charlie** spent time at their house on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, over the past few years, which has been especially nice because their house is next door to Charlie’s brother and his wife. The latter’s daughter graduated from William & Mary this spring. The Philipses postponed their trips to Egypt and Maui, Hawaii, but hopefully will be going soon. Rosemary continues to volunteer at Longwood Gardens, where things haven’t slowed down. They had lunch with **Dale Harris Cohen** and **Dick Cohen ’61, B.C.L. ’63** in December.

Lee Williams McBride moved to Washington, D.C., where she is close to a metro stop with easy access to museums, movies and theater. She met up with relatives in St. Simons, Georgia, and later with others to go kayaking in Tennessee. Lee participates in many activities with the Asian American Forum organization, a book club and French classes. She finds French easier on Zoom, being able to see and hear each person as they speak. Lee exercises on Zoom and takes daily walks exploring the neighborhoods. One daughter and her family

visited from Bali, Indonesia, while Lee and her other daughter later were set to fly to Paris.

Betsy Holland Lung-er and **George Lunger** visited their son and his family recently, so we were able to have lunch together. It is so nice to pick up where we left off and chat away.

Fran Harris Gilmore has been involved in teaching an adult education class at their local library, Reading Shakespeare Aloud. They read four plays during the pandemic on Zoom. While reading “The Taming of the Shrew,” a class member showed the ‘60s film with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. The class had a variety of students, including one 98-year-old and a lady from Japan, for whom Fran was able to find the play in Japanese from another library. Fran caught me up on her life. She mentioned living in Barrett Hall with **Evelyn Stoneham Uhles** across the hall from **Boo Bagwell Evans** and **Carrie Lee Tepper Major ’62.** **Natalie Back Eberhardt** and Fran were roommates in the Chi Omega house for their senior year. They shared a townhouse in Alexandria, Virginia, with **Sharon “Teddy” Hall McBay**, and another time, **Bonnie Agner Tinsley ’64.** After Bonnie married **Barry Tinsley ’64**, Fran headed to the University of Virginia for grad school, and Natalie joined her sister, **Karen Back Bachman ’64**, where Karen was in medical school. Fran has kept in touch with her Chi O sisters.

Speaking of sororities, I recently received my Alpha Chi Omega magazine, the Lyre. It included an article on the remodeling and updating of the first floor of the sorority house. The improvements really showed a brighter, cleaner look. It is really amazing how things have changed! When several

of us visited the house during one of the Homecomings, the sisters were amazed to learn that we had a cook prepare dinner for us on weekdays. Now they have two gigantic refrigerators. There are a lot more sisters in the house, too. **Pat Thomas** and I were surprised to see two sets of bunk beds in the room we shared.

I am happy to be able to report lots of news. When you get together or Zoom with classmates, gather some information for our Class Notes and send it to me!

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Happy Birthday to all our octogenarians! Nice to hear of your past celebrations and planned adventures.

Linda Lawrence Pendray plans a twice-canceled COVID-19 cruise down the St. Lawrence Seaway in September for her 80th celebration. She also attended the centennial celebration of the founding of the Chi Omega chapter at William & Mary in April. Also participating were **Joanna Jeffries Johnson**, **Mary Ann Venner Schmidt**, **Maynard Williams Randolph** and **Gerry Fitzgerald Eberhardt '63**. She shared that **Pud Quaintance Maeyer** celebrated her 80th at the Bavarian Chef near Charlottesville, Virginia.

Claudy Tucker Barnes will also celebrate in September. In March, she hosted a gathering of Thetas, **Gretchen Scherer Israel**, **Bobbie Mulcahey Frazier** and **Karen Patrick Flitcroft**, on the oceanfront of Virginia Beach. **Ann Lyon Ackiss** and Tom hosted a day at their renovated farmhouse in Back Bay,

Virginia. **Claudy** shared that **Nancy Ratz Viets** has moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Kansas.

Bill Redd and his wife, Katherine, retired in June and will celebrate 80ths in Santa Fe, New Mexico. They divide their time between Manhattan and East Hampton, New York. He keeps in touch with **Bill Hutchinson** and **Lucy Hummer Richards**. Most of Bill's career was in cancer research, with 22 years at Sloan Kettering and 20 years at Mt. Sinai. His research focused on light therapy to treat fatigue, depression and sleep problems in cancer patients. He and colleagues have created the Lighting and Health Research Center, which also studies circadian disruption in certain diseases.

Shauneen Cruise Hutchinson and Bill are both retired from legal careers and divide their time between Wilmington, Delaware, and Kiawah Island, South Carolina. But they have new "jobs" — Bill is an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and Shauneen teaches and directs bridge games on cruise ships and in Charleston, South Carolina. They love spending time with their three grown daughters and seven grandchildren, ages 1-18 ... and rejoice at being able to walk to the beach on the Atlantic Ocean.

Bob Joynt and Ann have downsized, but still live in Henrico, Virginia, near their kids and grandkids. They often get to campus for football tailgates and occasions with the Kappa Alphas. And they enjoy special time at Cherry Grove, South Carolina. Bob celebrated his 80th and his daughter Catherine's 50th at the Final Four in New Orleans. Bob says, "We tried to represent W&M well," but "in talking with the folks at The Big Dance, not many knew where W&M is located and fewer knew of our lack of history in the NCAA Tournament." Bob

says he's still younger than **Don Beck**!

Speaking of Don Beck ... he was mentioned in the "Tribe Manuscript" by Director of Athletics Brian Mann. It concerned the "Auction for a Noble Cause" where Don's now famous clambake "really brought home the bacon." Don is a former president of the W&M Athletic Foundation.

Ilene Lambert Dillon turns 80 around Thanksgiving and plans to travel with a Canadian friend to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Ilene actually celebrates all year, every year while roaming North America with her Maltipoo, Pi, in her 24-foot RV, visiting old friends and meeting new ones along the way. She continues her coaching via Zoom. And she is preparing her TEDx speech on "Rethinking Anger" as she writes her book on anger mastery. Last year, she became a three-time Amazon bestseller with her collaborative series, "The Wellness Universe Guide to Self-Care." Ilene traveled to Jordan and Egypt with her sister and in January will go to Vietnam and Cambodia. Ilene says, "I love the independence and beauty of nature that are my life these days."

Dick Goodwin turned 80 in February. His big plans to celebrate then blew up thanks to COVID-19, so he had small family gatherings. Dick has decided to celebrate ALL YEAR! He and Susan continue to travel in country — Grand Canyon, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, Oregon and Napa, California, to support the local economy. They hope to visit their "Japan Family" soon. Dick is still working, but cases are fewer. He is treasurer of a professional organization and active in the American Bar Association. His major hobby lately is categorizing and annotating old pictures for future generations.

To sum up, thoughts from **Bill Corley** ... "I have adopted a more positive outlook and try to make the best of what remains

of my life. After all, what can we ever gain in forever looking back to think about how our lives might not have turned out quite as we might have wished. I have had a wonderfully healthy life so far, thanks to friendships, relationships and most importantly our family."

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Bonnie Burnett Bird filled us in on her life and career. After earning a Ph.D. in linguistic anthropology, she traveled widely, visiting six of the seven continents and living in three of them. While living in Mali, West Africa, she worked for the Experiment in International Living, writing training manuals for Peace Corps volunteers. She has written language manuals for Sonrai and Sonike (West African languages) and Yavapai (a Native American dialect). Bonnie taught at Vassar College for six years and Indiana University for 19. She's now living in Bellingham, Washington. She has been involved in dog training for the past 16 years and has had two American Kennel Club distinguished therapy dogs. A distinguished therapy dog is one who has made at least 400 recorded visits to hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, schools or libraries. Wow! That must be one outgoing, caring and well-read dog. Congratulations, Bonnie. What a great thing to be involved in.

After 50 years of being West Virginians, **Chuck Riecks '65, M.A.Ed.**

'69 and Alice Boone Riecks '67 left their home of 33 years in Cross Lanes and moved to Pittsburgh to be near their daughter and her family. They have joined the growing ranks of those in "Condo-land," as he says, and are close to many of the cultural and educational opportunities Pittsburgh offers. The biggest bonus is that they are able to see their grandchildren two to three times a week. What could be better?!

As we all love to do, **Frank Roebuck** shared news about his grandchildren. Granddaughter Hannah graduated summa cum laude with a degree in political science and religious studies. She received a "full ride" scholarship to Duke University, where she will pursue an M.A.T. degree in secondary education this fall. His grandson, Christopher, has a full scholarship at Emory University where he is a rising junior in physics and math. Well done!

We were saddened to receive this news from **Bonnie Cheshire Greenwalt**: "I'm sad to report that my husband, Frank Greenwalt, passed away on Tuesday, May 10. He had been suffering from dementia for several years but it had gotten worse over the last two years. I'm still trying to process what life will be without him. Had he lived until May 19 we would have celebrated our 49-year wedding anniversary. He had served as the General District Court judge for Patrick County, Virginia, and the City of Martinsville for over 35 years." We are so sorry for your loss, Bonnie.

George Dupuy is enjoying retirement from his career in both business and higher education. (First, he did business, and then he taught it!) After his wife passed, he moved to Atlanta to be closer to extended family. In 2018, he moved back to St. Simons Island, Georgia, where he

lives with his wife, Joyce. George passed along a worthwhile idea for all of us: Charitable Remainder Trusts. He is participating in one with the College of Coastal Georgia (where he taught from 2009 to 2016), and W&M's Raymond A. Mason School of Business. He hopes that his gift will inspire others to consider alternative ways to contribute toward institutions of higher learning. Thanks for this info, George.

Don't you sometimes think about how much fun it would be to gather with old pals from the College? Well, that's what four Kappas did with **Lynn Marcus Yerkes Halpin** hosting at her home near Scottsdale, Arizona. In attendance were **Byrd Lacy Murray '64** and **Cynthia Harris Cashore '64**. They were joined for the day by **MJ Krider Walker '64**. Sounds like a great idea. Let us know if you decide to do it. We'll include all of the secrets you dare to share! Thanks for the secrets this time. Send some good ones for next time.

In September, **Ginny Fluet** and **Barb Melby** attended W&M Women's Weekend. It was a wonderful event with great speakers, a wide variety of sessions and classes, and good food and drink. We saw old friends and made new ones. We highly recommend it keep it in mind for next year.

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Travel has resumed for many, so there is news!! Sandy and **Keith Dauer** escaped a Connecticut snowstorm heading to Florida. They also visited Madeira, Portugal, for fun, not study, and a gorgeous

January escape. As for many who have traveled lately, the last-minute COVID-19 test requirement was difficult to get done, then they learned a friend who had failed the test was given free hotel room with food and booze sent in — which again makes me wonder why we were so ready to graduate in four years when five would haven't been bad at all.

I got sad news from **Bill Anderson** about the unexpected death of **Jake Jacobsen** in January. He leaves behind Vonnie and a myriad of accomplishments from his days in the Navy and then work in the aerospace industry, finally retiring to a horse farm in Arizona. And sincere condolences to **Keith Taylor** whose 49-year-old son, David, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in May.

Elaine and **Woody Caine** stay active in the music and history worlds in Charleston, South Carolina. Woody is the Olde Guard representative for the Charleston Alumni Board. A 20-year anniversary trip in the Netherlands has been changed to a favorite local restaurant.

Bernie Leigg is writing a novel about a troubled teenager named Robbie Leonard. His twin boys are 14 with lots of activities and his wife, **Sharon Telisha Moore '95**, was Teacher of the Year at her school.

The College Chi Omegas had a centennial celebration of their founding and according to **Mary Ellen Downing Gordon-Scudder**, the College rolled out the red carpet with an exhibit of Chi O artifacts and documents including the chapter book everyone signed at initiation. Lots of familiar names there. About 200 attended, representing all classes since 1963. **Susan Embrey Coleman** attended with Mary Ellen and then drove on to Louisville for the Kentucky Derby and regrets not betting on Rich Strike.

Larry Paffrath and **Nora Morsch Paffrath '68** were in Florida, where they attended their granddaughter's graduation from Stetson School of Law. They also visited Mary Kay and **Walt Wenk** near Sarasota, Florida. Another college connection was made in Charlotte, North Carolina, with Patty and **Ben Pomeroy '68** and the Wenks when Longwood's basketball teams played and won their conference tournaments. Mary Kay and Patty are Longwood grads. And **Ann Marie O'Donnell Carr** and **Ned Carr '68, M.Ed. '69, C.A.S.E. '78, Ed.D. '89** visited while attending the High Point Furniture Market. Nora has a Tri Delta reunion at the beach in October. We now live very close to Larry and Nora and are planning to get on their roster soon!

Pete Nance and **Judy Poarch Nance '69** sold their Darien, Connecticut, house after living in that area for 40 years. Jupiter, Florida, is now their full-time home with lots of travel planned. They are renting a house on Long Island and spending time in their Manhattan apartment to start with. Pete attended his 60-year high school reunion near Philadelphia — you "can go back" — at least for a weekend. Their dog, Max, and ours, Meg, are the same age — and again, what were we thinking! ☺

Now, **Bob Sigafos** has used his beagle, Zembie, to keep his sanity with walks him on the beach in San Diego.

Cindy and **David Anderson** moved to a 55-and-older community in early 2022. Their two children work on the international level — one in wine and the other in cybersecurity! Sounds interesting. Also in a senior community, Nancy and **Paul Allard** moved to Greenspring Village in Springfield, Virginia. They managed three cruises last year and have plans for two more in the fall to celebrate their 50-year anniversary.

On Memorial Day in

Cranford, New Jersey, the 86 residents who have died during wartime service are honored. **Victor Bary** presented a long overdue souvenir to the brother of a Vietnam soldier whose plane was shot down soon after he arrived there.

Our middle grandson graduated from high school and will be attending North Carolina State's College of Art and Design. This is a whole new area of study for our math/science family, and we are thrilled for Benjamin. We'll now have two in college and a high school sophomore — wow, that happened so fast!

1967 ☾

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After checking our Class Notes in several issues of the W&M Alumni Magazine and discovering that we had no reporter, I felt compelled to volunteer for yet another unpaid job. Our class contains many interesting people who have lived interesting lives and who have contributed in a positive way to their communities and nation. I must confess that I never contributed any information to our reporter.

My wife, **Trish Atwell Hall**, and I were married one week after graduation and went to San Antonio, Texas, for 12 fun-filled weeks of Air Force Officers Training School. Our first assignment was in Ankara, Turkey. We appreciated the opportunity to live in and learn about an entirely different culture. After our next assignment at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, we moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and the University of North Carolina Law School. We moved to Ashland, Kentucky, and I have practiced law for nearly 50 years. Trish was on the local board of education for 20-plus years and was the executive director of a

nonprofit organization that provided food, shelter and anything else that could be done to assist low-income families. We have three children, including **Laura Hall French '92**, and four grandchildren.

George Bond and **Ricki Frye Bond '68** celebrated their 50-year wedding anniversary during a Viking Cruise on the Danube River from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary. They were married June 29, 1968, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Alexandria, Virginia. George writes, "I met Ricki during her freshman orientation in 1964. I was one year ahead of her. We were married less than a month after her graduation." Look for photos from their wedding day and anniversary in our online Class Notes.

Please send me your information or I will feel compelled to write columns of minutiae about our grandchildren (all above average).

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At Traditions Weekend, **Arthur R. Louise** received the Olde Guard Distinguished Service Award for exemplifying dedication, involvement and continued service to the university, as well as a lifetime of achievement.

Truscilla Butner Krisher's latest book is "On the March: A Novel of the Women's March on Washington." The book tells the story of three women, all strangers, and their trip via bus from Kansas City to the 2017 Women's March on Washington. They find their lives changed by each other and the event. In addition to being a writer of many books, Trudy is a retired professor from Sinclair Community

College in Dayton, Ohio.

Laura Daughtry Smart wrote, "In the midst of a difficult year, **Sam Smart '67** and I took a trip out west to visit Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Sam had been fishing in Montana several times, but this was a first visit for me. Seeing the wide plains and the herds of buffalo opened my eyes to the history of pioneer and early settlers I had only read about. The mountains are truly majestic. Pictures of Old Faithful do not do it justice. Sitting, waiting, expecting and then it blows! Steam and water rising up against a blue sky, something that has been repeated for years took my mind away from the difficulties of 2022 and was a peaceful interlude. The pandemic years have curtailed travel for a lot of us. My hope for you all this new year is that you will be able to experience nature, far or near, and renew yourself with the wonder of the world outside your little world of quarantine."

From **Edward Shreeves: "Elizabeth 'Betty' Frazer Shreeves '69** and I are ensconced in our home in Tucson for the winter, avoiding the cold and snow of Iowa where we live the rest of the year. Our older daughter, Sarah, and her wife live here as well. Sarah is a vice dean of libraries at the University of Arizona. Our younger daughter, Kate, a lawyer in the New York City Education Department, lives in the West Village with her son and husband. I'm in my seventh year of dealing with ALS, so am not very active, but am managing with stellar help from the Veterans Administration. Best wishes to all."

Ronald Kephart emailed, "After W&M, I spent some three years in the Peace Corps teaching Spanish to children in Carriacou, Grenada. I then went on to grad school at the University of Florida, where I received an M.A. in Latin American studies

in 1980, and a Ph.D. in anthropology in 1985. The research for my graduate degrees was carried out at my former Peace Corps site. I recently retired from 32 years of teaching Spanish, anthropology and linguistics at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida."

Due to the pandemic and wishing to be nearer family, **Peggy Eggleston Stevens** moved to a 55+ community outside Charlotte, North Carolina. Peggy enjoys the lifestyle of her new community, but most of all she enjoys seeing her grandsons. She looks forward to traveling once COVID-19 recedes.

Lorna C. Totman wrote, "I've been happily retired for 15 years and, now widowed, have moved into a co-op apartment in northwest Washington, D.C., after many years of living in Annandale, Virginia. I graduated with a degree in biology. Midlife, I went to graduate school at the George Washington University Medical Center and in my 40s completed my research Ph.D. in pharmacology and physiology. As a certified toxicologist, I worked 18 years for the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association (now Consumer Healthcare Products Association)." Lorna misses her college roommate, **Jane Myers Klivans**, who lived in Pittsburgh and died in March 2020 after heart surgery. Jane had been a senior vice president at Mellon Bank (1975-1985) and worked more than 30 years for J.P. Morgan Asset Management, where she was a managing director.

As always, I look forward to receiving your news. Thank you to those who answered my pleas for updates.

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Dear Friends:

Had a nice note from Sandy Camden Liebler in May to catch me up on the "Rat Pack Reunion 2022":

"Since the women of the Rat Pack are all turning 75 this year, we held a collective birthday celebration in early May at the Virginia Beach home of **Demaris "Dwe" Eaton Yearick**. Also in attendance were **Helen Rhea Gretz, Carrington Salley Wingard, Wendy Fairbank Contri** and me. Unable to come were **Peggy Riordan Mead, Nancy Shea '70** and **Stacy Scherer Frantz**, so we connected via Zoom, telephone and shared photos. During the week, the group explored historic Cape Henry, a local garden, the old and new Cavalier hotels, First Landing State Park and the Virginia Beach oceanfront. The main event was a formal catered dinner, also attended by **Janet Ackroyd Ellis**, complete with balloons and cake. Sadly missing were **Mary Morden Malewicz** and **Wanda Lewis Munoz Zimmerman**, both of whom had died in 2021. Plans were made for future gatherings in places yet to be determined. We're all grateful for that connection made in Ludwell 400 our freshman year that has endured for more than 55 years!"

Carrington had spent the previous weekend with **Toni Biordi '69, M.Ed. '72, Ginger Graef Smith '69, M.Ed. '74** and me plus 160 other Chi O alumnae at the Centennial Weekend for our chapter. A good time was had by all!

Linda Freeman Holmes also sent me a nice letter shortly after Christmas along with photos of her growing grandchildren. Linda is still working in the Civil Division of the County Prosecutor's Office, which she describes as "the one that keeps the taxpayers' money safe from litigants who think suing the government is one of life's great lotteries — that is, [the offices] that will

pay them a lot of money." When she's not representing the taxpayers, she is defending her farm and its two horses, two mousers and two standard poodles. Sounds like a busy life to me!

Congratulations to **Donnie Chancellor Wintermute!** Washingtonian magazine has reported that she was named "The Face of Alexandria Real Estate" for the fourth time by the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, citing her "distinguished 35-year career in real estate with over \$1 billion in sales" and choosing her from 14,000 Realtors. In addition, she was named "Business Leader of the Year" by the Alexandria COC and a "Living Legend of Alexandria." None of that is a surprise to us!

Sadly, I also need to tell you about **Craig Robert Burgraff's** death last December. After graduation, Craig got his law degree at Dickinson School of Law and worked first for the Pennsylvania Auditor General and then the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General, before joining a private practice specializing in energy law in 1997. In retirement, he returned to Williamsburg, where he returned to cheering for the Tribe and was active in the Kingsmill Community Services Association. Our condolences to his wife.

It's May as I write this and the third spring of living with COVID-19. Milton and I have masked, vaxxed and avoided people until recently and haven't gotten sick. Hope all of you are the same. I am hopeful that Homecoming can be a bit more "normal" this fall and that I will see all of you on DoG Street Oct. 6-9.

If you have a bit of leftover COVID-19 relief, please consider donating it to the Class of '69 Scholarship. We need only \$75,330 to get to a million! I know we're going to make it. It's just a matter of time now.

Go Tribe!

1970

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Janice Savage Gardner and **Buddy Gardner** attended Traditions Weekend on April 23, joining the Olde Guard — 50-year alumni of Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972 were well represented. Janice sent me a great pic of her and Buddy and **Eddie Peverell** wearing their newly earned W&M medallions in front of the Wren Building. Following that event, Janice and Buddy enjoyed a great vacation in May to Amsterdam; May 29 anniversary in Brussels; Dubrovnik; and a week in Croatia! (Their 2020 trip to same was canceled due to COVID-19).

Jane Neff Thompson and I enjoyed meeting in historic New Castle, Delaware, for lunch in May! We again saw Jane and **David Thompson '70, J.D. '74** in Annapolis, Maryland, at the end of May for their grandson's graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. We were able to enjoy the Blue Angels practice and an actual Blue Angels show and saw Jane and Dave for breakfast at Navy Bagels!

On May 5, **Tom Frantz '70, J.D. '73, M.L.T. '81** was a lead participant with four other W&M alumni professionals in one of a series of TowneBank's hour-long webinars, "W&M Conversations & Connections: Regionalism in Virginia." Amusing to hear the younger alumni refer to Tom as the "Godfather of Hampton Roads" (Wonder if they also remember him as King Neptune??).

I was saddened to learn of the passing on June 13, 2022, of my friend **Fred Hoener**. He was the first of our classmates to respond to my request for "postcards from faraway places" years ago and

followed that with postcards from his many interesting travels! He did attend our class Olde Guard induction and I believe joined the Boyle Society at that time. Please see Fred's obituary online.

I am sorry to have missed Traditions Weekend, particularly the Olde Guard Induction! I watched a video of Sunday's ceremony and was happy to see the great turnout of '70, '71 and '72 alumni!!! My nephew was married April 23 on the Columbia River at Cascade Locks, Oregon ... amazingly, we had five days of sunshine and 70-degree weather.

Please send along updates, especially to our 1970 ReEcho, tales of your reunions at Traditions Weekend in April, stories from Homecoming & Reunion Weekend and/or postcards from faraway places or I may have to include stories of my grandkids! My next deadline is Oct. 12.

1971 ☾

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After returning from Traditions Weekend, we have heard from a few of our classmates.

Beth Ramsey Wilkison '71, M.Ed. '73 wrote, "I am sorry to pass on the news of my roommate and friend's passing. **Claire Dowdy McGeehan** was one of my 'suitmates' in Ludwell Apartments 404 F, Jefferson Hall No. 1 and Brown Hall ...

"We continued our friendship because of cross-country trips, common interests and humor. We lived in Philadelphia at the same time and drove to teach west of the city for three years. There was never silence in our car since we both loved children and teaching. We made a few trips to reunions together, and in

2018, we made a family history trip to Swem Library for our many Virginia ancestors.

"What fun it was to find that we were distant cousins. Claire led a very full, purposeful life."

Unfortunately, we also heard from the wife of **Bob Herb** that he passed away on Feb. 13, 2022.

Ellen Griffith Spears writes, "I am a professor in the interdisciplinary New College program and the Department of American Studies at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where I have been since 2009, teaching environmental history, policy and ethics. This fall, I have an extraordinary opportunity as Roosevelt Visiting Professor at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies in Middelburg, Netherlands. While on research leave, I'll be working on a follow-up to my 2019 book 'Rethinking the American Environmental Movement post-1945' (Routledge Press); the new book concentrates on conservation and environmental justice activism in the Southern U.S."

The following is a Traditions Weekend recap for those who could not attend and for those who already forgot they attended! Here is our take on the weekend.

Thursday night at **Mike Savage's** home: Mike and his wife, Janet, graciously hosted an Open House at their lovely home in Williamsburg for anyone who was arriving early for the weekend festivities. It was a delight to kick off our reunion with wonderful classmates and fabulous food and beverages. The gathering gave us extra time to spend with our classmates. Mike also invited **Warren W. Buck III M.S. '70, Ph.D. '76, D.Sc. '13**, who spoke at the Olde Guard Induction Ceremony. It was great to meet and spend time with Warren in a comfortable, informal setting.

Friday day: There were opportunities to visit the Muscarelle Museum of Art and attend a lecture and

view the archives at Swem Library, where duc caps, women's gym uniforms, fraternity paddles, newspapers and other items were displayed. Afterward, there was a wonderful reception on the Swem patio.

Friday reception: The W&M Alumni Association hosted a 50th Reunion Welcome Reception on Friday Night at the new Alumni House from 6-8 p.m. This event provided another opportunity to connect with our classmates as well as spend time with members of class years '70 and '72. I think we were the last people to leave!

Saturday Matoaka: Thanks to the persistence of the '71 Reunion Committee, our Reunion Luncheon was held at the Martha Wren Briggs Amphitheatre at Lake Matoaka. The weather was glorious the entire weekend. The luncheon was wonderful, and the setting was absolutely beautiful and so memorable for our class. Being with each other in such a special place was the highlight of the weekend. Thank you to **Lewis McGehee '74**, who provided the music and helped set the tone for this special event.

The 50th Reunion Bash on Saturday night was another opportunity to eat, dance and spend time with all the classes attending in a tent in our Sunken Garden. Our very impressive class gift was presented during the evening.

Olde Guard Induction and Celebration Luncheon: We all gathered at the Wren Building to put on gowns, which thankfully were not wool like in 1971! We processed to the yard where we received our diplomas so many years ago, listened to the reading of the names of our departed classmates, people whom we love and miss, and then received our Olde Guard medallions. A lovely luncheon followed in the tent in the Sunken Garden.

Since we all enjoyed our time together, **Kathy Plasmati Baldwin** (Klpb@outlook.com) has

proposed a biannual class reunion starting in 2024, when most of us will be 75, to be scheduled for either Homecoming or Traditions Weekend. Please contact Kathy with your email address if you would like to be added to her "reunion" email list.

Stay safe and keep in touch.

1972 ☾

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Although we will be reading these notes months after our amazing 50th Reunion, many of the thoughts and emotions of that weekend in Williamsburg remain. I met new friends and renewed friendships from the past. The weather was picture perfect. The campus has many new buildings, but the memories of our college experiences seem like yesterday. Welcome to the Olde Guard!

John Constance and **Hayden Gwaltney Constance** now live in Raleigh, North Carolina. Check out John's blog with his reflection on our reunion. You'll relate to it.

A group of classmates enjoyed their personal reunion in Williamsburg during our 50th. **Hartwell Hylton** came from Darien, Connecticut; **Deac Manross** from Edinboro, Pennsylvania; **Roger Dillow** from Chads Ford, Pennsylvania; **Cliff Whitham** from Alexandria, Virginia; **Mike Wildasin '72, J.D. '78** from Millboro, Virginia; **Fred Burton** from Potomac, Maryland, and **Jim Waldin** from Palm Springs, California. And a good time was had by all!

Diane O'Rourke, living in Little Rock, Arkansas, earned her Ph.D. and worked in the field of psychology. She had a counseling practice.

I had a quick encounter with **Jim Warns '72**,

M.B.A. '77 and **Gail Granger Warren '71**, who live in Richmond. Gail is a financial advisor.

Charles Manning and **Laurie Baker Manning '73** were married in the Wren Chapel and moved to Florida, where they lived for 40 years. He worked in the field of insurance, and she joined Delta Airlines. After retiring four years ago, they moved to Colonial Heritage in Williamsburg.

Albie Payne and **Sandra Dillon Payne '74**, live in Danville, Virginia, where he still practices dentistry three days a week. His son works with him in the practice. It sounds like the community knows they can always call on Dr. Payne, day or night, and he enjoys that relationship.

Susan Shiver Carron transferred to William & Mary as a junior, so her experience was a little different from many of ours. After graduation and her marriage to **Michael Carron M.A. '76, Ph.D. '80**, they participated in Project Plus, the first co-ed dorm in Virginia. If I understand it correctly, they lived in the dorm and were the "dorm parents." It must have been successful since co-ed dorms are part of college life today!

Dean Latsios is living in Alexandria, Virginia, and practicing criminal law.

Allen Grant and his wife live in St. Mary's County, Maryland. He has worked for the Environmental Protection Agency, Colonial Williamsburg in Yorktown and even grown roses for the queen of England! He did not meet her, however.

I enjoyed talking with **Peggy Drake**, who was a city planner for Baltimore. She retired and moved to Butler County, Pennsylvania, to care for her parents. Now she loves participating in her book club, watching movies and listening to jazz.

Kay Rorer lives in Tampa, Florida. Unfortunately, at the last minute, she could not come for the

reunion. She remembers her first Earth Day while she was in college, volunteering for stream cleanup. That was the beginning of her continuing interest in environmental issues. She hoped to come to Williamsburg in September for Women's Weekend.

Jim Fox was my shoulder partner at the Olde Guard Induction Ceremony. He and his wife live in Johnson City, Tennessee. He earned his Ph.D. in psychology and became a professor at the university level, teaching special education teachers. He has also done consulting work.

Jack Russell '72, M.B.A. '77 lives in western Virginia in the Meadows of Dan, where they get a lot of snow!

Since three classes celebrated this Homecoming, I saw several friends from the class of '70. **Karen Clark Norsworthy '70** was a teacher for many years and later helped students apply for grant money to continue their education. She is involved in civic activities and loves to spend time with her grandchildren. She and her husband, David, live in Powhatan, Virginia. **Cindy Goodrich Allred '70** and her husband, Eric, traveled from Colorado.

I met **Bob Rycroft**, who has sent several updates for our column over the years. He is a professor in the economics department at the University of Mary Washington. One of his children attended William & Mary and he says he made a point of visiting too often and included campus tours on every visit.

Thank you to the W&M Alumni Association staff and everyone who planned and worked to make Traditions Weekend one to remember! My appreciation also goes to our class fundraisers, who encourage and thank us for our donations — **Susan Aheron Magill, Robert Mathe '72, M.B.A. '74** and **Brooke Coleman Taylor**. Our contributions will provide opportunities for students who are the

first in their families to attend college. Finally, **Nancy Sturgeon Luzzar and Brad Smallwood '72, M.B.A. '75** will represent us on the Olde Guard Committee, so thanks to them as well.

This special weekend in Williamsburg made me think about what special and talented people you all are and the strong bond we have through William & Mary. Keep in touch. Classmates really are interested in what you're doing.

Peggy

1973

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It's with a heavy heart and seething anger that I pen these ruminations almost 50 years removed from our W&M graduation. The recent mass murders in Buffalo, New York, and Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, continue a long litany of senseless gun violence just since 1999 — at Columbine High School in Colorado, Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida and Virginia Tech (2007) — with no concrete action or federal laws by any administration or the Cowardly Congress members to slow down or prevent access to assault weapons, no universal background checks or red flag laws to end the scourge of hate, misplaced anger and violence, coupled with the perversion of the Founding Fathers' Second Amendment tenets. This country should be better than a reign of death and destruction.

Moving on to good news: Our 50th Reunion gathering will be part of Traditions Weekend, April 28-30, 2023. Our 50th Reunion Committee is now populated with the likes of four co-chairs: **Tom Flesher, Renee Fleming Mills, Mary**

Mann Smith and Jeff Trammell. The rest of we unindicted co-conspirators include **Barb Bounds, Lynda Butler, Bruce Christian, Rick Clark, Becky Deans Crews, Hilda Crucet Garrett, Dan Gepford, Libby Frazier Hixon, Bob Gottke, John Kloster, Katherine Ammen Mortara, Dede Miller Nelson, Andy Purdy and Mary Sammons Rordam**. The three classes just ahead of us — 1970, 1971 and 1972 — held a joint 50th Reunion and raised a boatload of money (\$41.3 million) as reps of we Middle Boomers.

A mini reunion for **Tamara Lucas Copeland, Barb Bounds, Denise Trasatti Sellers, Joyce Van Winkle Soria and Janet Hawkins Watt** happened over a crab feast on the Chesapeake Bay in Mechanicsville, Maryland. Smiles all around.

Carolyn "Biddy" Martin is retiring after 11 years as Amherst College's first female president while also on Harvard's highest governing board for four years. She also spent 20 years on the Cornell University faculty and later as provost and chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison — the motherhood of a multi-campus university system. Biddy is going back to Harvard's Graduate School of Education, where she'll be a mentor for grad students and write case studies on her experiences in higher education; she is really looking forward to reengaging students to impart her truth to inquiring minds.

If any of you were at the first Black Alumni Reunion held on May 6-8 in the 'Burg, please get me more details. The College, working with the Hulon Willis Association, paid particular attention to the "Legacy 3" — **Lynn Fontanne Briley '71, L.H.D. '18, Janet Brown Strafer '71, M.Ed. '77, L.H.D. '18** and **Karen Odell Ely '71, L.H.D. '18** — as the first Black undergrads to live in residence halls and

have the full advantage of campus facilities and offerings.

One more W&M alumni publishing note — **Steven Noll '74**, who is a professor at the University of Florida, was the editor of "Writing for the Public Good," a compendium of over 100 opinion pieces from David Colburn and former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham of Florida. This tome focuses on the key role of Florida in modern American life and politics. Pretty relevant in light of the specter of former President Donald Trump, U.S. Rep. **Matt Gaetz J.D. '07**, U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, the ghost of Anita Bryant and the forthcoming 2024 elections.

Ending on a truly high note, **Steve Snyder**, the pride of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, is presently on the Polish/Ukrainian border involved with refugee relief such as fence building, living quarters furniture assembly (i.e. Ikea) and whatever the day calls for. The crew is made up of both Americans and Ukrainians helping get supplies and staples into bombed-out cities and towns in combat zones across the country.

That's the Class of 1973 minimalist highlights. Start saving your loose change in your cars and bottle/can redemption proceeds so we can make a "fiscal statement" with our Class Gift over the next 11 months for our 50th Reunion. Be well, be safe!

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Today's headlines are full of stories about how supply-chain issues are affecting goods that consumers need. **Rob Estes '74**, president and CEO of Estes Express Lines, and his son **Webb Estes '06, M.Acc. '07**, shared

insights from the freight transportation industry in the W&M Alumni Magazine online exclusive story "Solving the Supply Chain Puzzle."

The COVID-19 pandemic discouraged a lot of in-person socializing, but for a dozen or so members of the Gamma Phi Beta Class of 1974, staying connected simply took another form. Every spring since 2000, a group of Gamma Phis had been gathering for a reunion, but due to the pandemic, they were unable to meet in person in 2020. That's when social organizer and tech guru **Carole Allen Lechleitner**

suggested the group meet virtually on Zoom one Friday afternoon in early April 2020. Everyone enjoyed it so much, they continued to meet up on Zoom almost every Friday since then. "In the beginning," wrote **Cheryl Macklin**, "we just talked about how we were all faring with the pandemic restrictions. After several calls, we decided to choose a topic for each call and take turns hosting and facilitating. On April 1, 2022, we celebrated our 100th Zoom call, with these sisters usually joining Carole and Cheryl in the exchanges: **Mary Anne Blazek, Diane Fossum Byers, Debby Clemmer Deichman, Barb Coulter Cox, Nancy Eller, Jane Faust Belsches, Marilyn McClure Roach, Laurie Merner Dillon, Robin Morrison Caldwell, Cory Pelleggrin Hudgins, Byrd Smith Heaton and Ruth Gordon Thomson**. It's been a wonderfully rewarding way to stay in touch, and it has truly deepened our 52-year friendships!"

Because W&M's annual Traditions Weekend wasn't held for the past two years, a catch-up came in April for those graduating in 1970, 1971 or 1972. That didn't include our year, but several classmates from 1974 were invited to join the

“older” Lambda Chis at the Precarious Beer Project, a brewery located in what used to be the post office on Merchants Square. **Jim Theobald, Bill Carmines and Tom Reed ’74, J.D. ’78**

enjoyed catching up with their fraternity brothers. Sadly, I must report the March 9, 2020, death of a classmate, **Chris Ramsay ’74, M.B.A. ’76**. Chris’ story is a remarkable one, because he was totally blind almost from birth, but he managed to function successfully at William & Mary in the pre-Americans with Disabilities Act, pre-internet era, when the campus wasn’t exactly designed for accessibility. He worked at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency as an employee relations specialist. Chris is survived by his wife, Rose, and daughter, Elizabeth.

When **Marsha Montgomery** and her team were planning The Gathering 2022 in Frederick, Maryland, they (like all of us) assumed COVID-19 would be on the wane. Since that didn’t quite happen, they have reluctantly postponed the event for another year. Same month, same place, different year: April 21-23, 2023. Mark your calendars now for a Frederick, Maryland, mini-reunion! (Don’t say you didn’t have enough warning!) If you are confident in doing so this far in advance, you can RSVP to TheGathering1974@gmail.com. Otherwise, be alert for updates and details coming in future months.

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Bill Smyth spent a week in Williamsburg last spring. He walked the

campus several times and says it is more beautiful than ever. New buildings and landscape projects abound and “every inch is beautiful.” He had dinner with **Paul Powell ’76** and attended Virginia Garden Week festivities with his sister-in-law, **Marie Payne Neal ’72**.

Also, last spring, **Fred Henritze ’76** attended the wedding of **Randy Duvall’s** daughter at Tranquility Farm in Purcellville, Virginia. Also attending: **Butch Palmer, Mike Dobson, Robert Eley ’76** and **Andy Herzog ’76**.

Sadly, **Meredith Merritt-Beagle** let me know that her multiple sclerosis has gotten worse, and she is now using a wheelchair. But she also said how grateful she is for her aide, Sylvia, and how much she enjoys her company, her excellent care and the fun she provides. Your positive attitude is an inspiration, Meredith.

Karen Kennedy Schultz says she is finally retired from professorship, teaching in a pharmacy school and creating and directing the Center for Public Service & Scholarship at Shenandoah University. I suspect Karen (a member of the W&M Board of Visitors) will remain busy and involved even in retirement.

James Van Black was in Williamsburg and Richmond last April, spending time with many classmates and other W&M friends and staff. It was Traditions Weekend, where 50th Reunion classes are honored, and it got him to thinking. In his words: “Our 50th is only three years away. If you don’t realize how quickly time can fly, think back to 2019 ... we had never heard of COVID-19. Start a list now of some classmate friends you haven’t seen in a long time, maybe since our graduation. Reach out to them. Reconnect. Encourage them to come to the 50th.” Perfectly said, Van. Reconnecting and staying connected is more important now than ever.

Stephen Morewitz, founder and president of the Forensic Social Sciences Association (FSSA), is well recognized for his work in forensic social sciences, chronic diseases and medical education. His biography was recently published in *Everybody-Wiki*.

Neil Jesuele sent the following note about **Larry Pulley ’74** that many of you will appreciate: “As someone whom many of us have known in different ways through all these years, the Class of 1975 would like to thank and congratulate Larry Pulley on his well-deserved retirement following his magnificent service and contributions as dean of the Raymond A. Mason School of Business. Speaking from my own experience, Larry was such a great fraternity brother at Pi Lam, a model citizen and his door was always open to us while serving as dean. He will be missed, but now we’ll have even more time to spend with Larry and perhaps he’ll even swing a golf club with us on occasion. All the best from Neil and the Class of 1975!”

I’m sure most everyone knows this, but this past July, **Marilyn Ward Midyette**, after eight years of superb and dedicated leadership, retired from her role as chief executive officer of the W&M Alumni Association (see pages 42-47). Her incredible service to W&M spans nearly 50 years and includes positions on numerous volunteer committees, the Annual Giving Board and the W&M Alumni Association Board, to name a few. There are not enough accolades or words to express our collective thanks for all Marilyn has done for alma mater for so many years, so from the BCE (Best Class Ever) to one of its BME (Best Members Ever), thank you, Marilyn, for everything. And just as there is a first gentleman to President Rowe, there was a first gentleman to Marilyn ... her husband, **Payne Midyette**. Payne

served as escort extraordinaire to countless events and ceremonies as well as host companion on alumni trips, most recently to the Galapagos Islands in March and Bavaria in June. Even more impressive, Payne recently helped their son Reade move from Minot, North Dakota, to Annapolis, Maryland. You might not think much about helping a son move, but it was minus 20 degrees in Minot when they loaded up the truck!

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Happy fall, everyone! Hope you are continuing to be vigilant in your efforts to avoid everything COVID-related and that you have remained healthy and largely untouched, save for the isolation from family and friends.

Heard from a few classmates this time around, including **Robin Brown Liebenberg**. Her wanderlust having been restricted by all things COVID-19, Robin took advantage of the time to write three books, all under the pseudonym of Elizabeth Robin. One of them was her third poetry book, called “To My Dreamcatcher,” released on June 10 by Finishing Line Press. Robin lives in South Carolina and was a contributor to a book called “Ukweli,” a collection of essays and poems about race relations in her home state.

Another author heard from was **Jean Kreiling**. Jean retired in May 2020 after 33 years as a professor of music at Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts. She is now doing some different things, including freelance editing, volunteering for the blind, walking on the beach (when it’s not too snowy, up in coastal Massachusetts where she

lives) and lots of reading and writing. Her third collection of poetry, called “Shared History,” is now available on Amazon. Glad that English 101 class we were all required to take actually paid off for some!

Roger Creager was recognized in 2021 by the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (VTLA) with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Twenty years earlier, in 2001, Roger received the VTLA’s Courageous Advocate Award for his leading role in defending Virginia’s Collateral Source Rule in the context of personal injury claims. He is the first person ever to receive both awards from the VTLA. In bestowing the 2021 award, the association stated that Roger’s lifetime of work has benefited the trial bar as well as thousands of clients impacted through his work with attorneys throughout Virginia. Roger, a 1982 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, and his wife, **Marie F. Shoffner ’77**, live in Richmond.

Lastly, there is news that **Julia Phillips** was named in May by President Joe Biden as a member of the National Sciences Board. The board establishes policies for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and serves as an advisor to Congress and to the president. In addition, the board approves NSF awards, provides congressional testimonies and issues statements relevant to our nation’s science and engineering enterprise. Julia, a materials physicist by trade, retired in 2015 from Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she was vice president and chief technology officer. She has a doctorate from Yale University.

So, what are you doing in these days where everything must be done with a great deal of caution? And who has been retired the longest? Who has traveled to the most exotic locale? And what was your 50th-year high school reunion like? Tell us something,

anything, for the next column. 'Til then, please proceed with caution — we are fast approaching membership in the Olde Guard!! Take care.

1977 45

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Our 45th Reunion during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is Oct. 6-9. Marinda and I look forward to attending and hope you can be there. I will add photos I take and those you share with our classmates in my winter Class Notes that appear in early 2023.

This report was compiled in May, and we were eagerly awaiting our fifth grandchild in August in Swedesboro, New Jersey (Rita and Andrew), and our sixth in late October in John's Island, South Carolina (Angie and John). In July, our daughter Katie and her husband, Steven, who live near us, traveled to Texas to pick up two Watusi calves to add to their growing menagerie of farm animals that includes pigs, chickens and turkeys. While Watusi cattle do not have the longest horns, they have the largest circumference horns of any bovines.

Paul Denby now lives in Concord, North Carolina. He and his wife, Tracy, have twins — a daughter, Hannah, and a son, Taylor — who are matriculating to North Carolina State University this fall.

Ian Scott-Fleming provided a light-hearted update from the flatlands, aka Lubbock, Texas, where dust storms and drought prevail. The rain gauge's total accumulation from February through mid-May was four wasps, a few flies and 1/8 inch of dust! Ian continues doing climate modeling at Texas Tech University with

Katharine Hayhoe, and (somewhat thankfully) has not taught since the arrival of COVID-19. His wife, Barbara, retired in January 2021. Ian ran the Pittsburgh half-marathon in May with their son Alexander, who finished almost one hour ahead of him. Ian's time was on the median of the bell curve for men ages 65-69. Alexander is working on his Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh, and laughingly insists that engineers don't do real math, they just round things off to three or four significant digits and call it a day. In Ian's defense, he points out that that is close enough for estimating future precipitation values, though not for putting spaceships in orbit around Mars! I appreciated Ian's sense of humor!

After graduation, **Martin Phillips '77, M.A.Ed. '83** worked for Busch Gardens, Colonial Williamsburg and the U.S. Army. He retired in 2015 after 30 years in the Army Civil Service. Martin now lives in Orlando, Florida, enjoying his classic cars and soon will begin his 25th year singing in the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park Oratorio Choir. PBS nationally broadcasted its "Classic Christmas Concert" last year and it is available for viewing on YouTube. It was impressive to watch.

Paul Staneski and his wife are enjoying their new house on the Albemarle Sound near Edenton, North Carolina. They invite classmates to let him know if they are residents of North Carolina. He hopes to see our classmates at our 45th reunion in October.

Kevin Greenan and his wife, Lee, will not be able to join us for Homecoming but send warmest greetings and will be thinking of everyone. They hope everyone has a great time. They continue to be conservative with COVID-19. Since Lee has a compromised immune system, they are careful,

regardless of lifted mask mandates. They conduct their monthly meetings virtually for those suffering with complex regional pain syndrome in the Seattle area. Actually, they recently have added folks from around the country and Canada since their meetings are no longer face-to-face. Kevin stays busy with house projects, reading and exercise, and he and Lee love streaming foreign TV shows, especially mysteries. It allows them to travel the world from home! They send their best wishes for everyone in the Class of '77 and their families to stay safe and healthy.

Whether you attend Homecoming or not, please send updates and photos for me to share with my online report. Since our alumni magazine's print edition has limited space, you can view classmates' photos and their full updates online. Visit magazine.wm.edu/class-notes to view.

Classmates, thank you for your news. Send updates and know that the Class of '77 cares.

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Congratulations to **Ralph White**, who was honored by U.S. Rep. Adam Smith of Washington state and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut with submissions they placed in his honor in the Congressional Record. Thank you to former W&M Rector **Jeff Trammell '73** for sharing this important news and two links to the Congressional Record tributes, which you can find in our online Class Notes. Jeff also shared that Ralph is an expert on the Lewis and Clark expe-

dition ordered by Thomas Jefferson and conducts camping tours along the rivers. We'd love to hear more about this for a future column, Ralph!

Congratulations also to **Mike Mason** on his retirement from teaching at Mustang High School in Mustang, Oklahoma. A beloved science teacher and former coach, Mike will certainly be missed by the school district's faculty and students. A few years ago, when Mike was honored as "Teacher of the Year" for MHS, the district's website described him as "a larger than life, rough around the edges anatomy teacher who hands out vertebrae on a string as hall passes. His mottos for life come from the New Testament and The Grateful Dead. For decades, he was also the girls soccer coach and cross-country coach. He's known by his athletes for the lessons of loyalty, love and hard work, and his batches of brownies for winning teams are the stuff of legends." During some of his years at Mustang, Mike got to coach with his two sons, Matthew and John. He called the experience "one of the greatest blessings of my life." Mike "expects many adventures in the future" with his wife and best friend, Julia Calahan-Mason. Let the games begin!

Fans of the Netflix series "Bridgerton" might be interested in checking out **Brenda Hiatt Barber's** new romance novel, "A Taste for Scandal."

I happened to see a familiar face recently while watching Amazon Prime's "As We See It." The series, created by Jason Katims, follows three 20-something roommates who are on the autism spectrum as they strive to navigate the world of adulthood. It is authentic, disturbing, eye opening, heartwarming and has quite a bit of humor. The cast, which includes our classmate **Steve Culp**, is excellent!

Please let us know what you've been up to. Carpe Diem!

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Looking for something to add to your reading list? Two of our classmates have recently published books, one a novel and the other a compilation of true crime stories.

Beth Stark Dugan reports that "it only took a pandemic" for her and her sister Ellen Stark to finish the book their late father, Thomas M. Stark, a retired judge of the New York State Supreme Court, had been working on when he passed away in 2014. Titled "Horrific Homicides: A Judge Looks Back at the Amityville Horror Murders and Other Infamous Long Island Crimes," the book chronicles some of Judge Stark's most famous — and grisly — criminal cases. It is available on Amazon, where Beth says she would welcome your reviews and has even offered to sign copies at our next reunion.

Sharon King Lyon also spent the pandemic writing — in this case a novel, based on her "love of the earth" and her knowledge of geology and paleontology. "Fossil Woman" tells the story of two women born millions of years apart — Ifa, a woman from among the first tribes to walk the earth, and Henrietta, a young woman from the 1950s. When Henrietta's scientist father gives her refuge within the Smithsonian's glorious walls, she learns a love of paleontology. How could these two women forge a connection? The answer will be found deep beneath the sediment, in fossils that tell a wondrous story of endurance, of resilience ... of women. "Fossil Woman" is Sharon's first novel and is available on Amazon. Sharon earned a B.S. in geology from William & Mary and a master of science from the University of

North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She has worked as a paleontologist, a petroleum geologist and an environmental scientist, but says her greatest passion is teaching. She was a professor of physical sciences at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland, for over 25 years. She retired from full-time teaching in 2019 and currently resides in Virginia.

Classmate **Charles Hamaker**, a lawyer with the Texas firm Bressler, has been appointed to the Galveston County Water Control & Improvement District No. 12, where he will help to oversee the management of the district's water supply, construction projects, financing and legal rights-of-way. While serving this appointment, he will continue to hold the position of counsel in his firm's Financial Institutions, Business & Commercial litigation and Labor & Employment practices. Charles has substantial experience in both federal and state courts in the areas of commercial litigation, personal injury defense, products liability litigation, collection matters, construction litigation, toxic tort and environmental litigation, probate litigation, property disputes, antitrust litigation, FINRA arbitrations, and the printing press manufacturing, dry-cleaning, transportation and financial industries.

Also in the news, Dr. **Beth Faber** recently was installed as the first senior director of the Southern Association of Orthodontists, an organization of approximately 2,500 orthodontists from more than a dozen states across the Southeast, and will serve as president of the association in 2023. After graduating from W&M, Beth attended dental school at the Medical College of Virginia, now Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry, where she earned her doctor of dental surgery degree. She re-

ceived her master's degree in orthodontics from the University of Detroit.

That's all the news for this issue. Be sure to send me your updates, so I will have more to report in my next column. Be well!

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It is not quite the end of May as I write this. With vacation plans looming, I am hoping that you can send me some news of your travels and any family news you would like to share. My mailbox is quite empty!

Once again, **Jeff Oleynik** was recognized by his peers and named one of the industry leaders in the 2022 edition of North Carolina Super Lawyers. Super Lawyers is an annual recognition of the top lawyers across the country on a state-by-state basis. Jeff's area of expertise is in business bankruptcy law. Kudos once again to Jeff!

Mark your calendars for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this fall — Oct. 6-9. I hope you enjoyed the summer and family get-togethers. Stay safe and be well! And ... remember to send me a quick note with your news — we would love to hear from you. Take care until next time.

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Hello again, fellow 1981ers!

I hope this column finds you all healthy and happy.

We have received announcements about two of our classmates' significant accomplishments.

First — our classmate **Dave Raney '81, M.A.**

'86 sent some positive literary news about his friend and classmate, **Jeff Barnes '81, J.D. '86.**

Jeff has published his first novel, and it is receiving excellent reviews. Here is a description:

"His novel, 'Mingo,' is inspired by Barnes' fascination with the Matewan Massacre and the years his father spent mining coal. Two brothers lead very different lives after a tragedy separates them. Bascom stays in their hometown — Mingo — to work with their father in the coal mines, while his younger brother, Durwood, moves to Richmond to live with family members. As the brothers grow up separately and develop into diametrically opposed men, their struggles lead them to face off in the battles over unionizing coal mines." (Source: Richmond Times Dispatch)

Congrats Jeff! Well done.

In a different area of achievement — we received an excellent update regarding our classmate **Bruce McCord**, who received a B.S. in chemistry. Bruce has been a pioneer in developing and championing new technologies that have significantly impacted forensic analysis, especially in DNA typing, for over three decades. He is currently a professor of analytical and forensic chemistry at Florida International University. After leaving William & Mary, Bruce earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1986. Prior to working at FIU, he was an assistant professor at Ohio University (1998-2004) and a research chemist at the FBI Laboratory (1989-1998). He has also served as an industrial chemist for Ciba-Geigy and Syntex Pharmaceuticals.

In 1993, while a research scientist at the FBI Laboratory's Forensic Science Research Unit, Bruce published the first use of capillary electrophoresis (CE) for short tandem repeat (STR) typing. This

work laid the foundation for this "gold standard" DNA typing technique that is now used in almost every forensic DNA laboratory in the world. While Bruce does not work directly in forensic case-work, his contributions to the science have aided both identifying the guilty and freeing the innocent.

His current research interests involve the development of advanced procedures for DNA typing by capillary electrophoresis and massively parallel sequencing, and other applications in bioanalytical chemistry and nanotechnology. Other research areas include detection methods for improvised explosives and trace detection of drugs.

A link to his full biography, along with a list of his publications and awards and more about his laboratory, can be found in our online Class Notes.

Congrats again to both Bruce and Jeff — and please keep those updates coming.

Go Tribe!

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Starting with ME! Here's a little news (and plug) for my new shop in Virginia Beach. I am part of The Painted Tree, which opened in the old Steinmart building in Hilltop next to The Fresh Market on Laskin Road. It's exciting to be part of this new venture, which includes 200 small business

vendors and artisans under one roof. The Painted Tree has 25 locations, but this is the first in Virginia. It's an upscale flea market concept. The grand opening was over Memorial Day weekend.

You may recall hearing about a little group called The Brunch Bunch. This is a group of ladies that said yes when asked at the last minute to fill a reservation from another group that canceled on me twice during COVID-19. They still say yes, most recently to a bike outing called The Tour de Chesapeake in May. The group is loosely organized and consists of many alumni who have relocated to Williamsburg or have been here a while:

Dru Mears (who recently became a grandma for the second time and has another daughter getting married this summer), **Colleen Lierz Drummond**, **Christie Baty Hudgins** (whose hubby, **Fraser Hudgins '84**, is running for Williamsburg City Council), **Cyndy Huddleston '83, M.Ed. '86** and **Suzanne Bisczat**. We have a few other alumni, including **Betsy Dolan '84**, **Betsy Pendleton Crockett '85** (the brains behind the bike ride since she works at Trek Bicycle Corp.), **Janet Lawson '86**, **Lilly Armistead Andrews '84** and our newest recruit, **Marcia Seymour Horst '82**, who is one of Williamsburg's newest residents along with her hubby, **Jack Horst '81**. The Tribe welcomes you HOME!

Jack and Marcia are leaving North Carolina's Outer Banks and relocating to Williamsburg. Here's how it went ... Jack said to Val Morris (wife of **Don Morris '82**) that if she found them a house within half a mile of the Lord Botetourt statue — that was in their criteria — they would move! That is not an easy feat. But she did and they moved! They are now part of the Sig Ep Breakfast Club that is organized by **Jeff Harrell** and regularly attended by

Dave Lucas '80, Bud Phillips '82, Fred Caprio '85, Tracy Melton '85 and Goldenhearts **Betsy Dolan '84, Colleen Killilea '84, J.D. '87** and myself.

Prior to serving as senior vice president for government at Northwell (a network of hospitals is the New York City area), **John Flanagan** served as Senate majority leader in the New York State Senate from 2015-2018 and Senate minority leader from 2018-2020. After serving as an elected official for 33 years in New York John is now Northwell's liaison for legislative and elected officials at all levels of government.

Copied from Twitter: "Kudos to **David Thomason** on his promotion to president of Special Olympics Virginia starting in June! During his 36-year tenure with the organization, Thomason developed a global initiative to promote leadership opportunities for those with intellectual disabilities." David has been with Special Olympics since 1987 and prior to that he was with the American Heart Association and also a member of the Peace Corps in Morocco.

On Memorial Day weekend, the women's gymnastics teams from 1976-1986 had a reunion at the home of team member and coach **Jan Roltsch-Anoll '81, J.D. '84** in Montclair, Virginia. Many of the 1983 National Championship (NAIA) Women's Gymnastics team members got together for the first time since their induction into the William & Mary Hall of Fame in 1999. The ladies enjoyed a fantastic day filled with beautiful weather, delicious food, excellent music and tons of fun and memories. In attendance were: **Nanae Fujita Miles '84** and her husband, **Tom Miles '84, Lori Pepple Yacobi '86, Janet Lawson '86, Lynn Rosenberry Lull** and her husband, **Ed Lull '84, Mary Ellen Williford Hudleston '85, Karen Irvin Mahoney '84, Julie**

Stefaniw McLaughlin '86 and her husband, **Mark McLaughlin '88**, Sylvia Shirley (coach) and Jan Roltsch Anoll (coach) and her husband, Bob. Rock 'n' roll alumni band The Dimeslots were invited to play and had a small reunion of their own! In attendance were Ed Lull and Lynn, **Bill Williams** and his wife, Cissie, **Reid Harrison '82, Bill Grossman** and **Christy Belt Grossman**, and **Bill Cusmano '81, J.D. '86**. See photos in our online Class Notes.

The Dimeslots are once again looking forward to playing at the Virginia Beer Co. at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend on Saturday, Oct. 8, 5-8 p.m. Hope to see you there if you are in town!!

A big Panhellenic Toast! Cheers! After several years of planning (and postponements due to COVID-19) and other obstacles, the centennial celebration of the Omicron Beta Chapter of Chi Omega finally took place the weekend of April 29-May 1, 2022, in person in Williamsburg! Taking the lead were co-chairs **Beth Sala Covin** and **Win Whitehurst '69, M.Ed. '72**. Chi-O has the privileged position of being the first sorority chartered at W&M. It happened on May 30, 1921, just three years after the College admitted women in 1918. The original nine sororities were chartered in consecutive years, culminating with the opening of Sorority Court in 1929. Centennial weekend activities include a Friday evening "Decades of Dinner at the Delis" with alumnae from 1963-2018 attending. Saturday saw a lunchtime exhibit at Swem with memorabilia and documents for the University Archives. Dinner and dancing at the Alumni House featured videos and speeches and a special greeting from President Rowe. On Sunday, the Chi-Os gathered in Wren Chapel for a memorial to sisters who have passed, followed by 200 alumnae and undergrads (wish I

could list all your names!) celebrating their Founder's Day. Take note: Beth claims that this is actually the "Fountain of Youth where those 18 to 80-plus were bound together by their love of their Greek experience and their love for alma mater." The Chi-Os are planning to come back to "My Old School" for Homecoming Oct 6-9.

Kappa Alpha Theta is next in 2022, then in 2023 Kappa Kappa Gamma ... game on, girls!

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Summer greetings to the Class of 1984! It has been great to hear from a few of you, and it seems that our class is relishing being able to get together in person again, especially as this is the year that many of us are celebrating BIG birthdays!

With so many of us turning 60 this year, there have already been some great celebratory reunions! **Anne Veit '83** shared a great photo from a joint celebration she and **Sheila McDonnell Bates, Julie Beringer, Karen Sullivan Lane** and **Susan Ball** held in Fort Myers, Florida. **Alicia Rubí** also joined in via Zoom from Madrid. The group had been "Zooming" internationally each week during the pandemic, with Susan joining from Vienna, Austria, and got together to celebrate both birthdays and the end of the pandemic travel restrictions.

I have enjoyed visiting with some fellow alumni over the last few months as well. In March, **Joanna Ashworth, Dana Disque Hearn '82** and I spent the day together at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. In April, **Linda Reynard Basnight,**

Alison Hawley Ewing, Joanna and I met for dinner at my parents' home in Vienna, Virginia, and the following evening, Alison and Joanna hosted a gathering at Alison's home in Potomac, Maryland, that included **Anne St. Clair Woron, Henry Plaster '85** and **Kathy Decker Frakes '86**. When I got back to the Carolinas, I had lunch at Joanna's home with Dana Hearn, **Amy Marcos Drake** and her charming mother, Ginny Marcos. Yes, the common denominator is Joanna, who is great at bringing people together wherever she is!

Also in April, I traveled back to Williamsburg to attend a surprise retirement party for **Kari Guillén Traver '85**. Given by her husband, **Tony Traver '85**, and their beautiful children and grandchildren, the party was attended by quite a few W&M alumni, including Kari's brother **Rob Guillén '83** and his wife, **Kim Clarke Guillén '83**, and their son **Alex Guillén '10, Marna Edwards Ashburn '85, Susan Gordon Henry '85, Lilly Graves Weber '85** and **Susan Hudgins Franz '85**.

We celebrated the 60th birthday of my husband, **Greg Miller**, in March in Beaufort, South Carolina, and had a remarkably good showing of W&M grads, including **Laurie Raymond Benson, Elaine Bogan Robinson, Allan Robinson** and our son **Alec Miller '19**. Greg and Allan continue to enjoy camaraderie and success on the tennis circuit, recently winning the clay court doubles title for the Southern Region.

Duncan Weir, who recently retired after 35 years as a golf professional for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in St Andrews, Scotland, traveled back to Williamsburg to attend events hosted by the W&M men's golf team, speaking at the opening dinner and attending the team's tournament at the

Golden Horseshoe. During his stay, Duncan visited with **Rich Miller, Kimberley Albertson Lapkin** and **Glenn Lapkin '82**, and he played golf with **Kent Erdahl '83** at Two Rivers Country Club, where he also spoke at a members' function. He enjoyed spending time with Tribe Men's Golf Coach **Tim Pemberton '05**, with whom he also connected at the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia, along with **Ethan Mangum M.P.P. '22, M.B.A. '24, Todd Richter '79** and **Len Brooks '81**, all of whom are current or past golf team members.

Bill Joyner kindly shared news of another gathering, which connected the cast of this spring's William & Mary Theatre production of Stephen Sondheim's "Company" with the cast of the fall 1980 production. Organized by the Theatre Department and W&M Communications, along with **Janet Rollins Atwater** and her husband, **Peter Atwater '83**, the online event came together quickly as word traveled among the former cast members, a handful of whom were freshmen during the earlier production. Along with Bill and Janet, the classmates who participated included: **Nancy Summers Bonanno, Judith Lightfoot Clarke, Chris Fretts '85, George Jack, Henry McCoy, Scott Meckling** and **Dan Simon**. They and the other alumni in attendance were able to joyfully catch up with each other more than four decades after sharing the stage in this production, and Bill mentioned the delight in reconnecting and discovering how many continue to be involved in the arts in one capacity or another. The group was also able to advise the cast about the production, careers in the arts and life after William & Mary.

Speaking of careers in the arts, warmest congratulations to **Jon**

Stewart '84, D.A. '04, who became the 23rd recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on April 24. This prize honors the world's greatest humorists, recognizing individuals who have had a significant impact on American society in similar ways to that of Mark Twain, whose keen observations of society produced humorous yet pointed commentary on the social injustices of his day. Jon was honored for using his platforms to shine a light on the issues of the day through comedy, especially satire, during the last 30 years. In a career that began in stand-up comedy and continued with the first of what would become many sets on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and hosting "The Jon Stewart Show on MTV," it was Jon's 16-year tenure as host of "The Daily Show" that provided him the ultimate platform to examine the headlines through his sharp, authentic and humorous lens. The show garnered numerous awards over the years, including 56 Emmy Award nominations, with 20 wins, and two Peabody Awards. A best-selling author, film and television producer and film director, Jon has hosted both the Grammy Awards and the Academy Awards, and has created, produced and hosted other programs, including CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" and Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report." Since his departure from "The Daily Show" in 2015, Jon has dedicated his time to causes that are important to him, including advocating for funding in support of veterans, first responders and victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He and his wife, Tracey, dedicate much of their time to running a 45-acre animal sanctuary near their home in Hockhockson, New Jersey. Jon now hosts a new Apple TV+ show and pod-

cast, "The Problem with Jon Stewart." Though the format has changed, Jon's mission seems to be the same: focus on issues, present the facts and offer his trademark intelligence, wit and wisdom. Congratulations again to Jon on his extraordinary achievements and this well-deserved award!

It is always great to hear from you, so if you have any updates you'd like me to share in the next Class Notes, please let me know!

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It's been great to finally get back to what seems to be a normal life these days! Gathering with friends and family, going out to restaurants and of course my very favorite — concerts!!! We were super excited to see Paul McCartney on one of his 13 stops for his U.S. tour; he came to North Carolina and he really rocked the stadium! My post on Facebook about the experience even inspired **Matt Dowdy** to secure tickets for the Baltimore show.

Sherry Hamby '85, M.A. '89 is the founder and director of the Life Paths Research Center and is a research professor of psychology at the University of the South in Seawane, Tennessee. She earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is also the founder and co-chair of ResilienceCon, which, like her research center, is devoted to research and training on overcoming trauma. She and her husband, Al Bardi, have two children who are both in college. Her awards include Outstanding Contributions to Trauma Psychology from the American Psychological Association, which recently published her

latest book, with Vicki Banyard, "Strengths-Based Prevention: Reducing Violence and Other Public Health Problems."

I heard from **Dr. Kieran Gorman Cross** after my last column. She and her husband, Danny, live in Manakin-Sabot, Virginia, and she has been a radiologist with Radiology Associates of Richmond for the past 22 years. She read about **Lauren Onkey** in the previous column and would love to reconnect with her. I have Kieran's contact information, so hopefully Lauren reads this and will reach out to me so I can pass that along to her.

This message from Kieran had me thinking that I would like to be able to put other people back in touch with the classmates they have lost a connection with in the last 40 or so years. Yes, we have Facebook and Instagram and that works well, but only if we can find their accounts. But what about people who don't have those tools available and yet would still like to communicate with someone? Allow me to be the one to reconnect you! Please email me (or find me on Facebook!) and I will be your intermediary!

I look forward to hearing from you and be thinking about who you would like to reconnect with! Valeté, omnes!

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Happy fall!

Congratulations to **Dave Anderson** and his wife on the birth of a granddaughter, the first child of their eldest daughter. Their second daughter married in March. In May, their son was preparing to leave home. Last fall, Dave and his wife went on a bike trip to Croatia with **Paul Calamita '87** and **Julia**

Anderson Calamita '87.

Richard Carter reports that the best part of living in the southeastern Arizona desert is that they have the best weather in the world — a mild four seasons. He plans to work a few more years supporting the U. S. Army as a contractor at Fort Huachuca. His youngest child graduated from Northern Arizona University in May. He gets away occasionally to see the grandchildren, ages 2 and 4, and hopes to make it to Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October, for the first time since graduating.

Mike Atherton looks forward to returning to traveling. In May, he was planning a summer trip to Los Angeles for a board meeting and a visit with a couple of clients. And he hoped to take his Piper to the big Oshkosh fly-in in Wisconsin.

David Johnston is approaching his sixth anniversary with his husband, Danilo Costa. They recently adopted two rescue dogs — Dolly Parton and Stevie Nicks. Danilo is head of admissions for New York Language Center and David is development manager at The Jazz Gallery. David finished a two-year program in Interspiritual Counseling and Companioning in June. Recently, he was commissioned to write the libretto for a children's opera, "Monkey and Francine in the City of Tigers," for Houston Grand Opera. It will tour Houston-area schools again this fall and was recently performed by Vanderbilt University students.

Tanya Brown White-Deyo was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success on May 3 and finished her master's degree in finance and accounting management at DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management in June. She hopes to complete the CPA exam by the end of the year and be ready to reopen her accounting business in 2023. She has gotten back into Toastmas-

ters and will be president of the All in the Family Toastmasters Club in Fairfax, Virginia, and the vice president of public relations for the Toast of Oakton Club in the upcoming year.

If an app can help users arrange rides, why couldn't one easily schedule tennis games? @iPlayMe2, created by **Paul Stratta '85** with help from William & Mary alumni **Ann Searle Horowitz '85** and **Robert Weissman**, does just that. Learn more about the app used by over 6,000 people in 28 countries in the W&M Alumni Magazine online exclusive article "Tennis, Anyone?"

Clem Cheng, senior vice president of human resources at Comcast, participated in the W&M Professionals Week discussion "The Great Resignation: Competing for Talent in a Changing World."

According to the Richmond Times Dispatch on March 1, **Scott Coval** is the coach of the men's basketball team at DeSales University.

On Jan. 27, the Observer-Tribune in Chester, New Jersey, reported that **Christine Ferguson Gorski** was running for a seat on the Morris County Board of Commissioners. She and her husband, Stan Gorski, own Madison Park Foods, a small business that formulates spices. Her son **Tom Myers '16** is a W&M alumnus.

Jenny Thompson is still working at Booz Allen Hamilton. Last year, she joined the board of the William & Mary Washington Center and recently has become a member of the Executive Committee. She also has trained to become a member of the Arlington Community Emergency Response Team in Arlington, Virginia. Jenny visited **Chris Meily Foreman**, who is loving life in Palm Harbor, Florida.

My husband, **Stephen Theuer**, and I are looking forward to the

wedding next year of our son, **William Theuer '17**, and **Lucy Platt '17**. They are enjoying life in New York City's Manhattan borough, where Lucy began a residency in pediatrics at New York University in June. Will is a software engineer with Amazon.

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Well, it's been an unusually quiet spring on the Class News front. I am guessing the friends in the Class of '87 have been so busy returning to "normalcy," and maybe working away from home for a change, that sending in a class news update is not close to mind. I am hoping that after we celebrate our 35th reunion at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend this October, my inbox will be packed with news!

I have seen lots of Facebook photos of many of our sons and daughters graduating from colleges, or even getting married, so it looks like many of us are moving into the empty nest stage. Congratulations to all of you who have been celebrating your kids.

Speaking of getting back to campus ... **Lesley J. Gordon** had a great reason to return to campus this past fall. She had the opportunity to speak to W&M students majoring in history. Two of her former W&M professors, Cam Walker and Anthony Elser, even attended! She discussed her undergraduate experiences at W&M and spoke about her eventual path to graduate school and becoming a history professor. After graduating from W&M, Lesley went to graduate school and earned her Ph.D. at the University of Georgia in 1995. Her first teaching position was at

Murray State University, and she then taught for 18 years at the University of Akron before moving to the University of Alabama in 2016. Lesley is currently the Charles G. Summersell Chair of Southern History in the University of Alabama's Department of History. Her bio on the university's department website lists her research interests as Southern history and the American Civil War. She has published many essays and articles and written or co-authored several books. When Lesley spoke to the W&M students, she was able to combine her college days with her expertise. She explained that when speaking to the students, she "tied her own memories of W&M to broader issues related to Civil War memory." Lesley currently resides in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Alicia Lockheed Goodrow published a book, "Back of the Napkin: A Start-Up's Legal Path from Idea to Enterprise," exploring how to save money, headaches and conflicts when creating a startup business.

Dave Weaving received his master's degree in education from Drew University in May.

After several tours overseas on active duty as a combat surgeon with the Navy SEALs, **Jeffrey Wilson** practiced vascular surgery for a few years before focusing full time on his career as a novelist. As half of the thriller writing team of Andrews and Wilson, he is now an international bestselling author of over 20 novels, with several projects in development for television and feature film. Jeff lives

with his wife and four kids in Southwest Florida.

The Chi Omega centennial was celebrated at W&M April 29-May 1, 2022. More than 200 sisters returned to celebrate 100 years since the founding of the Omicron Beta Chapter, including members of the Class of 1988: **Karen Johnson Cragg, Anne Newlon Doll, Wendy Jones Loew, Maggie Margiotta Melson, Christina Langelier Hamilton** and **Kim Colonna Elander**. The celebration was a fantastic time to catch up with friends and Chi Omega sisters.

Randy Reynolds Jr. is vice president of the Henrico Police Foundation in Richmond and is on the board of Blue Ridge Bank, including service on Fintech and Governance Committees. Randy is a partner at Reynolds Office Properties in Henrico, Virginia.

Terri Dispenziere Madden '88, M.B.A. '92 switched jobs to work for Managed Markets Insight and Technology, which focuses on helping pharmaceutical manufacturers provide access to patients for their products — a topic that gained great importance when her brother **Glenn Dispenziere M.B.A. '90** lost his lung cancer battle while they struggled to gain access to drugs that could have extended his life. Terri says, "As vice president of product management, my team and I will bring new products from concept to launch and beyond." She's hoping this job also helps fill her empty nest in August when all three sons will be in college! While home base is Malvern, Pennsylvania, summers are spent in Cape May County, New Jersey. Both doors are open to W&M friends and their families any time.

Kirby Knight performs with The Washington Chorus (TWC). In March, he performed in the world premiere of world-renowned Black composer Adolphus Hail-

stork's work "A Knee on the Neck: A Requiem for George Floyd," with a libretto by Herbert Martin, written just days after the murder of George Floyd. TWC partnered with the National Philharmonic and its chorus, and students from Howard University, in presenting this powerful work. After 18 months of rehearsing and performing virtually, TWC resumed a (somewhat) normal performing schedule with seven Christmas concerts at the Kennedy Center and Strathmore, the March concert and a June concert at The Kennedy Center called "Justice and Peace," with newly commissioned works by Roshanne Etezady and Damien Geter, along with Vaughan Williams' cantata "Dona Nobis Pacem." He says, "Singing is what keeps me sane, especially after the forced shutdown due to COVID-19."

Rick Overy is running for Williamsburg City Council, moving his youngest to Nashville, Tennessee, as a singer-songwriter, going to his oldest's wedding in London, and he is in business with his son-in-law. Rick's wife, **Lara Overy '08**, is Williamsburg's commissioner of the revenue and they just celebrated 20 years of marriage. He says, "Best wishes to all my classmates, especially those actively serving their communities in some way for good."

Marilyn Jentzen's daughter Anna graduated from high school in June and is attending the University of Georgia in the fall. After 18 years of moving from Atlanta to Las Vegas to Philadelphia, with stops in Buenos Aires and India, Marilyn is moving to her family home at the Cliffs in South Carolina. She will continue her consulting business, but recently became a co-owner of Eastwood Farm and Winery in Charlottesville, Virginia. She asks that you please stop by for a tasting if you are in the area!

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Thanks to those who gave back during One Tribe One Day! Now for the news ...

Rita Sampson is the new director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity at the Securities and Exchange Commission. Previously, she served as the director of the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) at the Office of Personnel Management. Rita also participated in a W&M Professionals Week discussion on "Building Community in the Workplace."

Sarah Atkinson Cammiso earned a spot on Working Mother's list of top wealth advisor moms in the U.S. — for the third year in a row! Sarah also was named to the 2022 Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" list for Virginia. The senior partner of The Cammiso Group, she has been with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management since 1993. In addition to working with individual clients, Sarah served on the faculty of Merrill Lynch University in Princeton, New Jersey, for 15 years and is a frequent lecturer on topics such as retirement planning, wealth management, investment strategy, diversifying stock options and professional money management.

My Delta Gamma roommate, **Karen Barsness Boksan**, and her husband, Ed, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in September by taking a trip to Los Angeles to help their daughter Jana move into her apartment and attend a University of California-Los Angeles football game. In addition to her work at St. Luke's, Karen is now an adjunct professor at Lehigh

University teaching a business communications course.

Gabriel Pivarnik celebrated 25 years as a priest in May. **Amy McCormick Diduch** was on sabbatical this semester. **Patrick O'Day** is running for the Exeter Elementary School Board. **John Stewart** is working in Saudi Arabia. **Suzanne Culp Raygan** bought a house in Clearwater, Florida. **Mark Murtagh** attended the Grammys.

Sander Mueller's payments/fintech business is getting a lot of attention and it continues to grow. His wife left her PR agency life and is working with a nonprofit organization. Their kids Beck and Lulu were happy to be back in school in-person.

Doug and I took the delayed-from-2020 Europe trip in April, meeting our son, Quinn, in Paris where we enjoyed museums, cafés and jazz before heading to Amsterdam to see where he lives and goes to university. We also saw tulips, bought parts to upgrade his bike and scheduled a private boat tour of the canals with him and his friends. In May, we took a last-minute trip to New Orleans for Jazz Fest. It was so great to hear live music again! Back in Florida, I continue to work with nonprofits as an interim development director or helping clients with fundraising. We also started renting our cottage through Airbnb. We'll let friends use our bikes, standup paddleboards or snorkeling gear.

As you can see, this column's shorter than usual. Living outside Virginia and during a pandemic means I don't organically bump into news as much as before. So, here's my ask: If you haven't seen your name in this column recently (or ever), send in your news! We want to hear from you. And if you're on Facebook, join the William & Mary Class of 1989 group. It will be more active around Homecoming & Reunion Weekend and as we gear up for our next reunion in a few years.

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Hello, everyone. My notes are a little sparse this issue because I put out the request at the very last minute. Thank you to the few dear classmates who quickly responded. Feel free to send me your missives now while you're thinking about it.

John Healy celebrated the 10-year anniversary reissue of "Tumor Boy," a book based on John's personal experience with a brain tumor in 1993. Through his short stories, readers can gain a greater understanding of what patients go through when they receive scary health news and manage life with medical treatments. The book was featured in W&M's spring 2022 book roundup. John lives in Berkeley, California.

Greg Schueman bought a house on the island of Arrowsic, Maine, which is being completely remodeled this summer while he is living in McLean, Virginia, and working in Washington, D.C., on a consulting project. Both of his daughters are starting a year abroad in France this August, one in Tully and the other in Nancy.

John Klessa '90, M.S. '92 and his wife celebrated 30 years of marriage on May 23, and just before that, on May 13, they became grandparents for the first time! They live in Cary, North Carolina. Less interestingly (his words), John celebrated his 30-year work anniversary on June 1. He's a software engineer and has worked for Cisco, NetApp and now Tanium.

B Kelly Alksninin and her husband, Tom Alksninin, of Celebration, Florida, are proud to announce the graduation and commissioning of their daughter Kelly Alksninin from the United States Na-

val Academy was held on May 27. Ensign Alksninin next reported to Pensacola, Florida, to begin flight training as a naval aviator.

Bob Jackson is enjoying Kansas City and having twin adult stepdaughters, one an ER nurse in Nashville, Tennessee, and the other a first-grade teacher. He looks forward to getting back to Washington D.C., to catch up with classmates — don't we all? Sign me up for that trip, Bobby!

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Tomi Herold, director of the Highland County Public Library, was honored with the Elizabeth M. "Libby" Lewis award last spring. According to Karim Khan, president of the Virginia Public Library Directors Association, "The Libby Lewis Award is awarded each spring to a library director nominated and voted on by his/her peers as the director who most embodies the spirit of service to libraries, her profession, and the public, as demonstrated by the Library of Virginia's Library Development and Networking Director Elizabeth Lewis, who retired in 2010." Best of all, the award is a frog statue that is passed from winner to winner.

Last January, **R. Ronald Johnson** was named interim leader of the Veterans Affairs (VA) Salisbury Healthcare System in North Carolina. He has served as the director of the VA Richmond Healthcare System in Virginia since 2019. He has 28 years of experience in health care administration and was awarded the Champion of Tricare Award in 2007 — the first Virginia employee to win. He is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and

was the Virginia ACHE Regent's 2006 Young Health Care Executive of the Year.

Kristin McSwain was appointed head of Boston's new office of early childhood in March. Kristin, who is also an alum of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, started her career as a teacher. She has been a top official for the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency. For more than a decade, she has led Boston Opportunity Agenda, a public-private partnership aimed at improving opportunities for city students.

Congratulations to Tribe wrestling alumnus **Kevin Turner!** He was admitted to the Petersburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame in April. He was the first four-time district and region champion for the Central District and Region, and first state champion in wrestling for the high school.

Big congratulations as well to **Hollis Clapp!** She graduated in May with her Master of Social Work from George Mason University. Her daughter is a first year at the University of Virginia — Hollis said she is trying to forgive her for not even considering W&M!

Karen Wade Hayes wrote me for the first time (hint, hint to others who have never written in). Karen is a writer living in Richmond — you can find her at karenwadehayes.com. She and her husband, Tom, just started their third child at W&M. **Wade Hayes '18** is with Capital One, after a two-year stint with Ernst & Young in Stockholm. He also created and launched his first box game, "Poetic License," during the pandemic. **Bennett Hayes '21** just started a production company in Los Angeles, Celestra Productions, and is enjoying connecting with alums in Hollywood, California. Karen's daughter-in-law, **Hannah Van Essendelft '19**, is an artist in Richmond. Karen said she attended her first football

game — W&M vs. James Madison University — last fall. Since their daughter is a JMU alum, they mixed some green and gold with purple.

Bill Fondren is starting a new career. By the time you read this column, he will have finished an intensive "bootcamp" on web coding/website design at Vanderbilt University, in his home city of Nashville, Tennessee. He said after years of radio and voice-over work, he is excited to move on to something new and creative. He also joined a blues band, still playing the bass.

Beth West is the new CEO of East West Railway Company in the United Kingdom. The new East West Rail line is under construction, and promises new, much needed connections between Oxford and Cambridge. Beth is a fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply and is an honorary fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

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Happy fall! Thank you for sharing your news.

Cece Bell shares: "My graphic novel, 'El Deafo,' is now a three-episode mini-series on AppleTV+. I am co-writer, co-executive producer and narrator of the show, and was 100% involved in bringing my semi-autobiographical story to TV. See the online edition for a clip of Cece talking about El Deafo! My husband, **Tom Anglerberger**, has been busy with lots of projects too, including adapting four Geronimo Stilton books into graphic novels, and his super-wacky graphic novel 'Two-Headed Chicken' comes out in September 2022."

Kim Hall Creamer '92, M.A. '98 was promoted to dean of education and social/behavioral sciences at Catawba College in North Carolina. She will oversee the teacher education, psychology, sociology and political science programs.

Former Tribe football running back **Alan Williams** has joined the NFL's Chicago Bears as the team's new defensive coordinator. He previously served as the safeties coach for the Indianapolis Colts.

Jennifer Livingstone is now the New York-based head of strategic agency management of Coalition Inc., after having served as chief marketing officer and senior vice president for global distribution and marketing of CNA Financial Corp. Her goal is to lead the charge to solve cyber risk.

Denise Nuckols Madar and **Scott Madar** happily share that their oldest daughter, **Tessa Madar '22**, graduated summa cum laude from W&M in May with a B.S. in biology (sociology minor) and with plans to matriculate in Boston University's Doctorate of Occupational Therapy program this fall. Their middle child, Willa, started as a freshman at Virginia Tech's College of Science, and their son, Lachlan, began eighth grade.

Corinna Barrett Lain is the S.D. Roberts & Sandra Moore Professor of Law at University of Richmond School of Law and is also a legal historian and death penalty scholar. She is pleased to share that her daughter, **Jessica Lain '26**, began her studies at William & Mary this fall.

Meg Thomas Konkell and her husband moved last year from Montana to Radford, Virginia, where she teaches design thinking in an M.F.A. program. She graduated this spring with a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary research focusing on design thinking and creative identity formation. She would love to find classmates in

the Radford-Christiansburg-Blacksburg area!

Mohamed Noor began serving as interim dean of Duke University's Trinity College of Arts and Sciences in July. Mohamed joined Duke's Department of Biology in 2005, chaired the department from 2013-17 and has been dean of natural sciences since 2018. Mohamed has published "Live Long and Evolve: What Star Trek Can Teach Us about Evolution, Genetics, and Life on Other Worlds," which introduces readers to genetics and evolutionary concepts through the lens of the beloved science-fiction program; some of the research required for this work is featured in his Duke and Coursera class offerings. See the spring 2021 issue for more!

Mike May shares: "After leading schools for over a decade in New Mexico and Switzerland, I now work for Future Focused Education in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I create paid internships for underserved high schoolers and recent graduates. This spring I have had a blast collaborating with former Tribe basketball player **Brian Brown '01**, who is 21st Century Community Learning Centers' program director with the Boys & Girls Club here in Albuquerque. Together we've worked to create group and individual internships for marginalized youth and recent immigrants here in the Albuquerque area. It's been great fun to run this program up as we reminisce about our shared haunts and my excitement of actually having played on his court during intramural basketball finals! I'm still happily married to **Noelle Borders '90**, who is the midwife director at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque. Our youngest of three sons graduates from high school this spring. We are looking forward to being back in Williamsburg this fall for Homecoming."

Chris Ralston writes to us from New Orleans: "I was very pleased to have

some William & Mary alumni in town for the return of Jazz Fest! I've been elected chairman of the National Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association and will serve in that role from now through 2023."

Jenny Sheehan recently left after a quarter-century of working in anesthesiology to teach the "unopposed power of Pure Awareness, of Love, and of the non-dual understanding that peace and joy are the essential nature of our being, through which we should be free from suffering." She lives in Richmond and enjoys her roles as wife, mother and friend to many, especially her golden retriever Augusta.

Jamie Troy sends much news about a group of '92, '93 and '94 graduates who have been meeting annually since 1993. With spouses, children and special guests, the group has grown considerably over the years. They've traveled around the U.S. and to a couple of neighboring countries on these excursions, including Chincoteague, Virginia (1997), San Francisco (1998), Jackson, Wyoming (1999), Santa Fe, New Mexico (2005), San Miguel de Allende, Mexico (2007), Wawona (Yosemite), California (2010), Canmore, Alberta (2014), Flagstaff, Arizona (2015), Black Butte Ranch, Oregon (2017), Acadia National Park, Maine (2018) and Bozeman, Montana this year. Despite the varied and exciting destinations, the location is secondary. Jamie comments, echoing other friends in the group: "It's really eye-opening to spend more than two decades with the same group of friends and catch up on an annual basis. You learn the ups and downs of each other's careers, see family compositions change, visit amazing places together, but most of all celebrate the friendships that began at William & Mary and continue to this day. [...] All of the members of this festive group appreciate soaking up the joy they

experience and feel blessed to share enduring, incredible relationships."

Jamie worked for two decades in juvenile and family law, opening the law firm of Troy and Rosenberg. Supported by his amazing partner of a quarter century, Barry Pack, he has enjoyed career travails, home projects, athletic adventures (15 marathons at last count), and attending the annual gatherings together; he has never missed one. In 2019, Gov. Kate Brown appointed Jamie as circuit court judge on the family bench in Portland, Oregon. Elected for a six-year term in 2020, Jamie looks forward to serving the people of Oregon for years to come. When they're not in Portland, you can find Jamie and Barry soaking up the sun in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Other core members of Jamie's group include **Jeremy Snider '94, Audra McCardell Snider '93, Kate Valenta '93, Richard Brooks '93, Heather McIntyre '93, Betsy Torresson Leon '93** and **James "Fig" Newton '93**. Read more about these alumni in the online magazine!

Peter Colohan has been enjoying an eclectic 30-year career anchored in Washington, D.C., which took him from Bosnia to Geneva, and from selling Clinton campaign buttons to working for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy under President Obama. He spent many years at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and now serves as director of the Internet of Water. He finally met the man of his dreams, Fenton Blake. They married in 2016 and are now enjoying renovating their new home in Silver Spring, Maryland, together. Peter makes it a priority to be with his W&M friends each summer. Highlights from these gatherings include unintentionally sailing off a water SkiBob into Lake Wallenpaupack, Pennsylvania, hiking the astound-

ing mountains and rivers of the Great American West, taking in the beauty of Guanajuato, Mexico, hearing the sounds of the Santa Fe Opera and considering a serene sunrise on the coast of Maine, all with his best friends by his side.

Malcolm Gaines quickly found a new home in San Francisco after a short post-graduation stint in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. He soon went native in the wilderness of that northern California city and is now well-rooted there with his beloved husband, Seth Brenzel, and 10-year-old daughter, Cora.

Malcolm has enjoyed a stable career as a licensed psychologist working with children and families in private practice and in the field of child abuse prevention. He finds that annual gatherings with his friends from W&M, in whatever far-flung destinations they have been over the last 30 years, are as much a return home as any visit to his origins in Virginia. He remains deeply grateful to this group who knows him best and loves him anyway, and to the College for bringing them together.

To supplement the regularly scheduled Homecoming events from the 1990s, **Shuchi Sharma '92, M.A. '93** and **John R. Deni** decided to stage their own W&M reunion in May 1998, when they were married in the presence of 75 fellow alums. They spent a decade living in Germany, and settled in Frederick, Maryland, in 2011. There, they are raising two self-described future W&M alumnae, Mira, 16, and Jaya, 13. When she's not fending off incessant requests for the latest social media app or playing everybody's favorite teen girl fashion game of "Cover More of Your Body Before You Leave the House Please," Shuchi works as the chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer at Red Hat Software, while John works as a research professor of national security studies at the Army War College. While living

overseas, they missed many of the group's annual summer gatherings. Since returning to the U.S., they have sought to make up for lost time trying to attend whenever possible.

David Heinemann and **Kent Fortner** both wrote to share about fun times they have with classmates **Tom George, John Ricci, Terry Wise** and **Don Moseley**. They run a half-marathon or adventure race somewhere in the world each year; this year's eight-mile Grit race was in Dana Point, California. This annual highlight sees them "reminisce, drink like [they] are 20 and back at W&M [and] play a round of disc golf" before the race. The sixth-place finisher in disc golf has to race in a tutu (Kent didn't share which buddy that was). David recently moved to Vail, Colorado, and serves Vail Mountain School as its new co-director of college counseling. Kent is taking the microbrewery industry by storm in northern California as the owner of Mare Island Brewing. His beers can often be found on the Bay Area ferries. Terry, David's roommate at W&M, finished the Appalachian Trail last fall. He also bought a place in Tennessee that supports trail users. Don lives in Teton Valley, Idaho, is a ski patroller at Grand Targhee Resort, and works on various plane hobbies at Driggs Airport. All of his sons attend Jackson Hole Community School, where David provided student counseling before moving to Vail.

I'll hope to see many of you at our 30-year reunion on Oct. 6-9!

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Autumn greetings! Hopefully your summer was filled with proper balance of adventure and rest. Af-

ter no news at the end of 2021, I'm happy to report that I've heard from a few more folks.

First of all, there have been online events with '93 alumni deserving mention. Congratulations to **David Uy '93, M.B.A '96**, one of five winners of the new W&M Asian Centennial Awards, for work in diversity, equity and justice with a lasting impact.

Christa Hokenson and **Holly Russell Tyson** participated with eight others in a panel for W&M Professionals Week titled "Rethinking Your Relationship with Work." Learn more at wmalumni.com/professionalsweek.

Thanks to **Barry Keith '92** via the W&M Alumni Magazine staff, I heard secondhand about a group of alumni from '92, '93 and '94 that regularly vacation together, often in national parks and beautiful settings. There was mention of **Shuchi Sharma '92, M.A. '93, John R. Deni '92, Jeremy Snider '94** and **Audra McCardell Snider, Peter Colohan '92, Kate Valenta, James Newton, Malcolm Gaines '92, Betsy Torresson Leon, Richard Brooks** and **Heather McIntyre**, who recently saw a quote that perfectly summed up this W&M group: "Find your tribe and gather often; choose wisely." The longevity of friendships and individual commitment to trips reflects how well they did in selecting one another, and Heather feels grateful for each member of the gang, their love and the many laughs (and tears) shared over the last 30 years. Read more on this fun-loving crew in the '92 and '94 columns, as well as in the online version.

As many of us have parents who are aging (or maybe have passed already), I have felt the need to affirm that which is good in life, and that includes honoring our parents. I remember meeting **Lukas Haynes'** father, Charles Smith

Haynes, back in 1993 before I traveled abroad; he will be missed by Lukas and his family. Although my parents are still living, my brother and I recently commissioned The Steel Wheels to write a song about our parents, Don and Alice; while the song is our affirmation of them, it's also an affirmation of that which brings joy and satisfaction. We're not sure of the title yet, but it may be on the airwaves by the time this update reaches you!

I am happy to report making more connections with many of you after enduring the first two years of the pandemic. **Harris Kay** and I met in person in Chicago in March 2022, had some fun memories and laughs, and agreed to meet again before this goes to press. Several other alumni from Fauquier Hall, such as **Neil Boyden Tanner**, have said hello online or through social media. Very best wishes to you all, reach out and send me an update!

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*Spring sprang, the rain came
Summer's sojourns set too fast
Our class news presents!*

Devon Corneal left her job as a career clerk in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey (Newark) to join Seton Hall University School of Law as their assistant dean for domestic compliance and programming. Devon's core responsibility is to manage and direct Seton Hall's Gaming, Sports, Entertainment and Hospitality Law Program. She would love to hear from anyone in our class who is in the space (devon.corneal@shu.edu).

How cool is this? Speaking of educational opportunities, **Jason Giersch** was awarded

tenure in Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Jason's research mostly addresses questions of education policy, and his courses cover topics that range from American politics to research methods, politics and film. I chuckled reading Jason's email claiming he's gone far afield from the plan he set in motion after taking his first government class back in the 'Burg (in '91).

Segueing using "cool" over "education," there has been a secret society of W&M alumni that has been meeting annually since 1993. Secret may be my word and reflective of some jealousy, but this group and their developing families have been traveling and catching up for more than two decades. **Jeremy Snider**, married to **Audra McCardell Snider '93**, recently joined that crew. The Sniders are raising two daughters and live outside Washington, D.C., on the Maryland side. Jeremy runs his own web development business (CDF Web Solutions) and Audra spent some time as an aide on Capitol Hill. This was a great, heartwarming update. Special thanks to **Barry Keith '92** for sharing.

These last few were collected via Twitter: Comedian **Carmen Lynch** was highlighted by CBS News on transitioning her comedy to social media (TikTok). Definitely check out her videos at [tiktok.com/@carmencomedian](https://www.tiktok.com/@carmencomedian). For the CBS article: www.cbsnews.com/news/tiktok-comedy.

Congratulations **Eric Slagle** on your appointment as town administrator for Lowell, Massachusetts. Prior, Eric served as Lowell's director of development services for nearly a decade.

Lastly, kudos to **Sara Gmitter**, an artistic associate with Lookingglass Theatre Co. in Chicago, for receiving the first Adrienne Shelly Foundation Playwrights Award!

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Colleen Gorman is head of quality events and investigation for global product development at Pfizer, where she leads a team that ensures correct practices are followed during clinical trials. She and three other W&M alumnae were featured in the winter 2022 magazine for playing integral roles in the development of COVID-19 vaccines.

Congratulations to **Joe Jordan** on his promotion from executive vice president to president of U.S. and global services at Domino's Pizza. Jordan began his career with Domino's in 2015 as its chief marketing officer.

Congratulations to **David Cox** on joining the Maryland Terrapins as an assistant coach! Prior to the University of Maryland, Cox coached at the University of Rhode Island, Georgetown University and Rutgers University.

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The school year is winding down for my kids as I write this, and we'll soon have a rising fourth grader and rising sophomore in the house. It was a year filled with COVID-19 tests but thankfully no COVID-19, and we're looking forward to a summer of camps and road trips. My daughter rowed for her high school crew team, including earning a silver medal in the Virginia state championship regatta. I have learned a lot about rowing, and I've gotten used to getting up before dawn to drive to the Anacostia Community Boathouse.

I've also been learning the ropes at my new job as

senior writer at DC Action, where we advocate for and with children, youth and families to create opportunities and eliminate structural barriers so all young people in Washington, D.C., can reach their potential. I loved running my own business for 16 years, but I was ready for a change.

If you brush your teeth with a Sonicare electric toothbrush (which every dentist I've ever had recommends), but you're concerned about the environmental impact of disposable plastic, **Brett Trentham** is here for you! In 2013, he founded SENZABAMBOO.com, which offers eco-friendly bamboo replacement brush heads as well as a variety of other bamboo-based oral care products. Take care of the Earth while you take care of your teeth!

Speaking of our planet, **Russ Glenn** released his third album, "Pale Blue Dot," on Earth Day this year. Named for a photograph that astronomer Carl Sagan asked NASA to take from the Voyager 1 spacecraft, the folk/Americana album is available here russglenn.hearnow.com and on a variety of streaming services. Russ invites you to take a listen (I did, and I loved it!) and to come see him perform live next time you're in Austin, Texas. You can contact him at russ@russglenn.com.

I wonder if **Chris Gordon '96, M.A. '99, M.B.A. '17** holds a record for most William & Mary degrees. On May 21, he earned his fourth — a Master of Science in Business Analytics — to complement his MBA and master's and undergrad degrees in biology. Chris lives in Richmond, Virginia, and works as the chief financial officer for Virginia Medicaid.

In other Richmond news, **Todd Anderson '96, M.B.A. '03**, his husband and their 4-year-old and 6-year-old boys are returning to the city after having lived in Columbus,

Ohio, and Chicagoland for the past nine years. They are looking forward to being closer to family and William & Mary. Todd was recently named chair-elect of the Episcopal Church Foundation and will begin a three-year term as chairman in May 2023.

Frankie Rho and his wife, **Tracey Carrier Rho**, were happy to be back in the 'Burg last fall for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. They got together with friends from their freshman dorm (Willis Hall, formerly known as Taliaferro Hall) including **Chris Bibeau, Elisabeth Austin, Ginny Mercurio Rogers, Kathy Armentrout Deck, Anne Elise Thomas, Brian Dewey, Barry Birch, Jonathan Tan '96, M.A. '97, Elena Lahr-Vivaz, Camille Andrews, Jonelle Ocloo, Bridget Harrison and Chris Keup**. The ensemble attended the dorm's renaming ceremony, a moving tribute to **Hulon Willis Sr. M.Ed. '56**, W&M's first Black graduate. Frankie is still busy writing fantastic television shows, including "Pachinko" on AppleTV+, the forthcoming show "The Beautiful South" and a Netflix series called "Incarnate."

Finally, I received the sad news from **Matt Siano** that Kristin, his wife of 19 years, died in January 2021 after a five-year struggle with breast cancer. Matt and his sons are doing the best they can in the wake of such a devastating loss. Eighteen-year-old Michael attends the Millbrook School, where he is starting shortstop and relief pitcher on the baseball team. His 15-year-old brother, Alexander, may join him there next year for the academics and the baseball. Our sympathy and our hearts go out to Matt and his boys.

I always appreciate hearing from all my classmates — whatever the news may be. Please keep in touch!

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Vivek Sankaran returned to campus in April as the W&M Government Department's Baxter-Ward Fellow for 2022. Vivek is a clinical professor of law at the University of Michigan, where he also serves as director of the Child Advocacy Law Clinic and director of the Child Welfare Appellate Clinic. In 2009, he founded the Detroit Center for Family Advocacy, the first organization in the country to provide multidisciplinary legal assistance to families to prevent the unnecessary entry of children into foster care. In 2011, he was named Michigan's Parent Attorney of the Year. Vivek also co-edited both the first national book for family defense lawyers and the third edition of Child Welfare Law and Practice, a widely recognized resource used by child welfare lawyers across the country.

Congratulations to **Kevin Schug**, who was named to The Analytical Scientist's 2021 Power List, an annual list of the world's 100 most influential analytical scientists. Kevin is a chemistry and biochemistry professor at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). He is also the director of Collaborative Laboratories for Environmental Analysis and Remediation at UTA. Since joining UTA in 2005, his research has focused on the theory and application of separation science and mass spectrometry for solving a variety of analytical and physical

chemistry problems in the fields of environmental, pharmaceutical, biological and energy research.

Harold Eylward is the regional head of investments and advice for the Eastern U.S. and New York for J.P. Morgan, where he's worked his entire career. He recently joined the Board of Directors of Historic Hudson Valley, a nonprofit educational and historic preservation organization in Westchester County, New York.

1999

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Hello, Class of '99!

In October 2021, **Nathan Stump** joined the firm Schlichte Bogard & Denton. Nathan spent 2007 to 2012 as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Middle District in Alabama and 2012 to 2021 in the Southern District of Illinois as the affirmative civil enforcement coordinator. According to his new firm, his focus is now complex litigation, including civil trial work, in federal and state courts throughout the country.

On Dec. 9, 2021, **Melissa Daly** gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Clara Everleigh. Melissa and Clara live by the shore in southeastern Connecticut with their two fur babies, Sadie and Mishka. All four Daly girls are healthy and happy.

Congratulations to **Rebecca Tillett** on her new position as women's basketball head coach at St. Louis University. Before leading SLU's women's basketball team, Rebecca was a coach for Longwood University (where she won a conference title and took the program to its first NCAA Tournament), Navy Women's Basketball, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Congrats to this issue's newsmakers. I can't wait to hear from the rest of you!

Tribe Pride!
~Meredith

2000

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Work by **Milan Chakraborty, Truman Ruberti '20 and Zachary Keifer '07** was center stage at the expanded Ampersand International Arts Festival (formerly W&M Global Film Festival), an in-person and online event with movie screenings, music, theater, dance and an industry summit.

Kudos to **Cheri Mae-Boschulte Green**, the senior vice president of private banking at Old Point National Bank, on joining Williamsburg Health Foundation's board of trustees! The foundation is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of those living in Greater Williamsburg.

Congratulations to **Anne Boro Fox** and **Don Fox**, who celebrated their 20-year wedding anniversary on July 12!

Mary Simonson Heffernan released her second cookbook in September. Following her best-selling first cookbook, "Five Marys Ranch Raised Cookbook," the second book is titled "Five Marys Family Style" and features seasonal and menu-based recipes inspired by her life on the family cattle ranch in far Northern California. Mary, her husband and their four daughters (all named Mary!) share their all-natural beef, pork and lamb with families all over the U.S.

Mindy Mackereth Maris was named dean of academic programs at the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) at the National Institutes of Health. Since joining FAES, Mindy has revised FAES curricula to meet the evolving needs

of the biomedical research community, led the development of evidence-based teaching and learning initiatives, and established partnerships with universities to provide students with access to cutting-edge science.

Enger Allen Mutetke's daughter graduated from high school and began college at West Point Military Academy. Enger wrote, "We are all so proud of her." Enger was ordained a full elder in the Baltimore Washington Conference in the DMV. Until recently, Enger was director of resourcing with the Greater New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church. Over the summer, Enger started a new position with the General Commission on Religion and Race as their senior director of education and program strategies. She and her family were excited to move back to the Washington, D.C., area.

The inaugural W&M Asian Centennial Awards honored influential alumni, including five alumni whose work for diversity, equity and justice has had a lasting impact: **Michael Chu J.D. '92**, **Pallavi Rudraraju '17**, **Amandeep Sidhu, Yiqing "Pocket" Sun '13**, and **David Uy '93, M.B.A. '96**. Amandeep was recognized for his work as a partner at Winston & Strawn LLP and co-founder of and pro bono counsel to The Sikh Coalition, the largest civil rights advocacy organization in the U.S. dedicated to protecting the rights of Sikhs and other vulnerable communities. In particular, Aman was commended for his lead role in an over 13-year advocacy effort to end religious discrimination against Sikhs in the U.S. military. Other winners included **Judith Chaisiri Lee J.D. '87** and **Veronica Salcedo '02**, former student leaders of the group Focus on Asian Cultures Emerging in Society (FACES).

Erika Moritsugu

'94, Rita Sampson '89, Doug Bunch '02, J.D. '06, Nina Cavazos '13, Amandeep Sidhu, Maegan Crews Fallen '12, Clem Cheng '86, Christa Hokenson '93, Holly Russel Tyson '93 and **Latoya Asia J.D. '09** all participated in W&M Professionals Week in February as panelists. See more at wmalumni.com/professionalsweek.

2001

If you are interested in reporting for the Class of 2001, please contact the magazine staff at alumni.magazine@wm.edu.

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It's hard to believe it has now been more than 20 years since we made our way across campus as a class and officially became the Class of 2002 graduates! Read on to see how far we have come in 20 years!

Our class has been making quite a showing in the pages of this magazine of late. **Brendan Hoffman** has been using his photojournalism skills to document the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. The winter 2022 issue of W&M Alumni Magazine included a feature on his work documenting "ordinary lives in extraordinary circumstances" for publications including the New York Times. Check out his compelling work on Instagram [@hoffmanbrendan](https://www.instagram.com/hoffmanbrendan).

David Corley recently joined the Pittsburgh Steelers as their new assistant quarterbacks coach after coaching stints at William & Mary and the University of Richmond.

In the world of academia, **Dan Maxey** was recently appointed as the chief of staff at Colorado University, Denver. Congrats on the new role, Dan!

2003

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Hello Class of 2003!

I hope your summer was lovely. I'm behind on this deadline, so let's jump in!

Congratulations to **Melissa Mefford** for receiving a grant from the National Institutes of Health. Melissa is a biology professor at Morehead State University and will use the \$400,000 research grant to examine how changing the shape of certain chromosomes may impact health issues.

Congratulations to **Colleen Harper, M.P.A.**, CAE for her new position as executive director of The Illuminating Engineering Society. Colleen has her Master of Public Administration in nonprofit management degree from Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Public Studies. Prior to this position, Colleen was the executive director of the Audio Engineering Society.

West Garrett married Jenny Murphy on Oct. 22, 2021, in a quiet ceremony at the Spanish Steps in Washington, D.C. On the following day, they celebrated their nuptials at a block party at Jenny's childhood home in Falls Church, Virginia. **Michael Keeling, Marie King, Allen Denson '04** and **Farah Qureshi Simonett '05** all attended the reception. Jenny and West live in Arlington, Virginia, and work in Washington, D.C. Jenny is an ICU nurse at MedStar Washington Hospital Center and West is a senior research analyst at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

My family and I headed to Jacksonville, Florida, over spring break for a 20-ish-year college reunion at the home of **Jessica Jiao Smith '02** and **Hawley Smith '06**. Travis Simone and I gathered with quite the crowd

of families including **Pete Acker '05, Patrick Connolly, Abe Halterman, Leila Roberts Hadduck, Kristen Southerland Krop, Ross Moore, Matt Niemitz, Ann Lefevé Snyder '07** and **Drew Snyder, Avery Willis Solomon '02, Ruthie Strickland Weiglen '07** and **Tommy Weiglen '02** and **Davis Balz '07**. There were 142 children between us.

I have a lot to say about this week but they've cracked down on character limits (supply chain issues) so I will summarize with the words of my 15-year-old daughter, "How do you have such GREAT friends?!"

Thanks W&M Admissions Office, when it was still located in Blow Hall. You gave me the gifts of critical thinking and really great friends. I've been pushing my daughters towards HVAC careers but after our week in Florida, I think I recommitted myself to the four-year residential liberal arts dream, at least my version of it — the one with these people, those memories and all that laughter.

Go Tribe.

2004

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The dog days of summer are almost over, and you are probably getting the kiddos back to school. If you are like me, with no kids, you are still experiencing the same feelings by listening to coworkers complaining about all the school issues, along with having to deal with the seasonal influx of traffic in the early morning once again.

I have not really traveled much this year, except for one long extended weekend this past Memorial Day holiday. I went to Bozeman, Montana, to see a few friends that I knew

back in Austin, Texas. We went to Yellowstone, then Lewis and Clark caverns, Buffalo Jump and Headwaters State Park. We finished it off with a leisurely stroll around downtown Bozeman. It was really fun. I love how nice, cool and dry the weather was in late May way up in Montana.

Before I get into a couple of classmate updates, I want to give a shout-out to **Mike Woods**. He had sent me an email back in October 2021 (I know, almost a year ago) letting me know he too, at that time, celebrated his 40th birthday. I know by this time, most of us are now "over the hill." He said he moved to The Woodlands, Texas, to be near family, especially his two nephews, sister and parents, who just recently moved to suburban Houston. Now, Mike, correct me if I am wrong, but if I can remember, weren't you originally from Texas? I remember throughout my college days, I constantly looked at that freshman picture book we got way back in the fall of 2000. I still can close my eyes and see most of how you all looked in your high school senior pictures. Come on, I know you all looked at that thing from time to time. It was way before Facebook or any other creepy social media came on the scene. Haha.

Speaking about the power of memorizing, **Evan Hoffmann** is getting back in the swing of things as people are feeling confident once again in returning to theater. Evan performed the one-man show "Every Brilliant Thing" in Fairfax County, Virginia. The 70-minute show allowed Evan to flex his acting memory muscle once again after over 10 years. The show is a reflection of one man's life, including childhood, college years, marriage and everything life throws at you. Currently, Evan is the producing artistic director at NextStop, a theater company in the Washington, D.C., area. He has been with NextStop since 2012.

Heading south along I-95, congratulations go out to former Reeves Center dormmate **Thomas Okuda Fitzpatrick '04, J.D. '10** on joining Richmond-based nonprofit Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia Inc. as its new president and CEO. Previously a divisional director in the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Tom started his new role on April 6, 2022.

When I took my Major American Writers course during the spring semester of freshman year, I remembered a very bright, enthusiastic fellow student. Well, that student is **Kris Spisak Petroski**, who recently published "The Baba Yaga Mask." The book was featured in the W&M Alumni Magazine spring book roundup. Here is a short description of Kris' newest novel: "When Larissa and Ira's grandmother disappears on a trans-Atlantic flight, the sisters search through Eastern Europe for her in this novel based on Ukrainian folktales. As their quest continues from Poland to Hungary and beyond, and the sisters face the cold reality of war and emigration, they begin to wonder if their grandmother is truly lost or if she's a Baba Yaga, a mythical witch who lives in the forest."

That's all for now. Continue to write and stay in touch!

Take care,
-Owen

2005

Class Reporter
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Hello Class of 2005!

My name is Ben Baldwin and I am your new class reporter! You may remember me from starting dance parties or dodgeball games, or perhaps we never met, but I am honored to represent the magnificent Class of 2005. Since you shared updates with me,

here are a couple about me: I met my wife, Abbie, while playing dodgeball socially about 10 years ago, and we now have two kids, Brynn and Baxter, and live in the greater Boston area. The kids love dancing and are slowly developing their dodgeball skills.

Here are some updates from your classmates:

In 2010, **Michelle Lembo Ksanznak** earned a M.Ed. from the University of Mary Washington. During the summer of 2016, she married Joseph Ksanznak, an IT manager and Northern Virginia local. They welcomed a baby boy in 2018. At that time, she stepped down from a successful teaching career in Warren County, New Jersey, to take care of their new bundle of joy. They spend their down time camping, boating and enjoying time with family.

Andy Lau married Claire Buxton in June 2022. They are both audiologists in the Washington, D.C., metro area and Andy looks forward to reconnecting with anyone who is in the Northern Virginia/D.C./Maryland area.

Eric Drucker last year started as director of data science for Central Integrity at Meta. He leads efforts to protect community and voice across Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger and the emerging Metaverse. He lives in St. Louis, Missouri, with his wife of 15 years, Kindall, and their three kids, Jace, Kylie and Remy.

Neidra Wilson recently switched to a new law firm and is now an associate attorney at Meiorowitz & Wasserberg, LLP's Pennsylvania office. Her practice areas are focused on personal injury, products liability, premises liability and toxic torts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

I am happy to share that **Tina Viray Keeton** was nominated as the Washington Post Teacher of the Year for 2021-22. She teaches middle school Spanish in Loudoun County Public Schools and

that nomination is a huge honor.

Ben Kennedy is thrilled to introduce Olive Elizabeth Kennedy-Pentland to the rest of the world — born 7:23 a.m. on May 13, 2022, 8 lbs., 1 oz., 21" long and loved tremendously by her proud mom and dad.

Congrats to everyone and thanks for the updates. I hope you all enjoy fall and if you know your classmates listed above, reach out and say congratulations to them!

2006

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At the time I'm writing this, it is the end of May and summer is right around the corner. I have finished my 16th year of teaching and Jimmy and I have an upcoming fourth grader and an incoming seventh grader!! Time is just passing so quickly! I told one of my kinder families about one of my favorite places in the 'Burg — Sno-To-Go — and they brought me back a shirt this week! You can never have too many shirts with those famous W&M memories!!

While we did not have too many contributors this time to our Class Notes, we did have some exciting news! The first update came regarding undergrad and law school alumna **Shannon Daily '06, J.D. '09**. She was recently promoted to partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP. Shannon was a sorority sister of mine in Phi Mu and not only is she experiencing great career success, she and her husband, Hamilton Goss, have the best adventures with their daughter, Zella. The best posts are those that have them outside enjoying nature and hiking in the wilderness. Congratulations Shannon! We wish you all the best in your promotion and cannot wait to hear some updates

on your adventures with your family!

Our other awesome alum contributor this time was **Kimberly Cottle Vuxta**. Kimberly wrote in about some pretty amazing things that have been happening for her and her family! First, back in January 2021, she started a new job as the accounting supervisor of Novolex. Kimberly is very excited about this company that manufactures and uses recycling in their business. I loved hearing how curious and enthusiastic you were about who you are working for and with! Then in May of the same year, she and her husband, fellow alum **Tyler Vuxta '13**, got married. Their proposal was especially sweet, as he proposed to her during a girls' weekend in Orlando, Florida, on Valentine's Day, in Disney, at a trellis near a wedding chapel. And then to top it off, they went to the dinner at 1900 Park Fare with all the Cinderella characters! Talk about a fairy tale!! And all the girls kept it a secret! They then bought a house in July and expanded their family on Oct. 8 when they had their first baby, a boy, William Randall. Originally, they were going to have a big spring wedding in 2021, but due to COVID-19, they will be celebrating this September 2022 in Richmond with many W&M family in attendance, including seven just in the wedding party! This will be the finale to their nuptials, as they held a small, intimate wedding previously. The new parents are so excited to be watching their kiddo learn and grow. The kicker was that many ask if he is named after the College! Kimberly explains that it is a family name; hubby's dad and granddad are both named William. While she says it won't happen, Kim's mom is Mary ... so they could have a genuine William and Mary, sure to provide plenty of legacy memories for the future!!

That's it for this time. Please reach out and tell us your news ... not tomorrow, not next week, now while it's fresh on your mind and

heart! Take care, be kind, and make today a great one on purpose!

Strong with Tribe Pride,
Amber

2007 15

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Thank you for an amazing response to my query for updates. Enjoy reading the fabulous feats our classmates are achieving!

After living nearly their whole lives in Loudoun County, Virginia, **Christina Aliyetti** and her husband are excited to share that they moved from Leesburg, Virginia, to the Richmond area in July (specifically Moseley, Virginia)! They are excited to start their new adventure there with their daughters (4 and 7) and are reeeeeeally looking forward to being only an hour from W&M (and let's face it, the Cheese Shop and Sno-To-Go) ...

Dr. Jamiee Afeld Belsky is now vice chair of Emergency Department Operations at Billings Clinic Hospital in Montana.

Emily Benavides Thom and her husband, Mike Thom, welcomed Lidia Kaye Benavides Thom on Jan. 3, 2022. Her middle name stands for the first letter of both her grandmothers' first names. Emily continues to serve as communications director for the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee under Ranking Member Rob Portman (R-OH), and Mike serves as the political director at the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Anne Harrington has been serving since August 2021 as interim head coach for the University of Richmond's women's lacrosse team. She served as associate head coach in their previous two seasons. In a recent Richmond Times-Dispatch article, Anne said, "It's been exciting and exhausting

and fun and rewarding and challenging, all in one. But I wouldn't change or trade a single day of it."

This April, a documentary produced and edited by **Zachary Keifer** had a work-in-progress sneak peek screening at the expanded Ampersand International Arts Festival (formerly W&M Global Film Festival). His film is "Blue Ridge Barnum," which follows Mark Cline, an artist and entertainer from Virginia, through the ups and downs of a pivotal year of his career.

Deana Miller is still a pediatric hospitalist in Wilmington, North Carolina, but her group is now a part of the University of North Carolina, where she is a clinical assistant professor. She is also the editor of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Hospital Medicine's national website. She'll be traveling the spring and summer of 2022 to present workshops at several pediatric conferences. Her daughters keep getting bigger — the oldest will be starting kindergarten this fall, and the youngest is starting preschool!

Heather Mingo's feature screenplay, "Moirá," was a finalist in the Drama and Sci-Fi categories at Austin Film Festival. She then directed a short film drawn from that world, which she'll be submitting to festivals this season. She assistant directed a digital series, "We're Doing Good," which premiered at SXSW and also screened at SeriesFest.

Liz Olson married Sparsh Patel on March 27, 2022, at the Big Ugly Brewing Company in Chesapeake, Virginia. Liz received an MBA in 2011 from Boston University. She and Sparsh split their time between San Francisco and New York City.

In our last issue, I shared that **Julie Owen Thompson '07, M.Ed. '10** was interim superintendent for Roanoke Rapids Graded School District. As her former cohort member, I was thrilled to see the news that she has officially been

named superintendent. She will complete her Doctor of Education from W&M in 2023.

Lanora Pettit was promoted to principal deputy solicitor general of Texas in May 2021, which resulted in her arguing her first case in the Supreme Court of the United States in February 2022.

Damian Wassel is CEO and co-founder of Vault Comics and is living in Missoula, Montana. Vault Comics has recently secured big name investors, including Jeff Ubben, Metallica and UTA.

Mel White completed her Ph.D. in Electrical & Computer Engineering at Cornell in May 2022 and will start postdoctoral research at Rice University this fall. She also caught up with some W&M alumni (including several Phi Mu sisters) at **Liz Olson's** wedding.

2008

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I hope everyone is having a great fall! As always, there are many exciting updates to report. Find links for more information about each of these alumni in our online edition.

Rick Hartmann III was presented with Guy Carpenter's CEO & President's Award for exceptional contributions in 2021. The award is presented to a select group of their highest performers.

Betsy Dougert, vice president of external relations at SCORE, wrote an article for Forbes titled "How Small-Business Owners Can Pivot to Attract Talented Employees."

Started at W&M in 2005, rock band Caustic Casanova was experiencing a busy summer with a new album and an appearance at the Maryland Doom Fest in June. **Stefanie Zaenker** is a member of the band.

Emily Suñez is the author of "The Healing

Journal: Guided Prompts and Inspiration for Life with Illness." Readers can manage the emotional toll of chronic or invisible illnesses through journaling with the help of this new book containing 50 affirmations, writing prompts and illustrations inspired by nature. After learning to use guided journaling to manage her own chronic health issues, author and illustrator Emily wanted to create a resource for others in similar situations to learn how to develop appropriate self-care strategies, act as an advocate for themselves with medical professionals, family and friends and recognize and manage symptoms better.

Congratulations to **Seth Levey** on joining ThredUP as the fashion resale platform's first head of public policy and sustainability! He will lead policy initiatives and oversee the company's broader environmental, social and governance efforts.

In February, the Cincinnati Bengals made their first Super Bowl appearance since 1988. Three alumni, **Mike Potts, Robert Livingston '10** and **Mark Duffner '75**, helped the team reach success.

Seema Sheth, the senior vice president and regional executive for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis-Louisville branch, was featured in the Louisville Business First's "5 on the Rise" article. Seema is a leader in her community and is actively involved in local nonprofits. She serves on the board of the Metro United Way.

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2009

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Hello Class of 2009! What on Earth could be more TWAMPY than sitting next to your spouse, who is also writing her Class Notes

column, while watching "Jeopardy!"? Nothing. Well, except for getting final Jeopardy correct, which I did, and she didn't. Better luck tomorrow, Kate.

Thank you to those of you who shared your wonderful pieces of news with me so that the rest of our class can celebrate along with you. It is always so uplifting to receive your emails and hear you brag about yourselves.

Be sure to send me any updates and life milestones you are celebrating so they can be featured here and on the online Class Notes. Your class wants to hear from you, whether it is a new job, a wedding, a new family member or something outside of the norm. It is all important and worth sharing! Just send them to me at afoiles@gmail.com. There is also an online version which also supports photos, so feel free to send those in along with your updates too.

Go Tribe!

Andy

Updates:

Katherine Rubida started a new job in the executive office of the American Geophysical Union, helping to facilitate their board of directors and scientific council. Based in Washington, D.C., AGU is the world's largest Earth and space science organization. Katherine is using both her MBA from George Mason and her experience in arts administration, which began with her time in the W&M Choir!

Erin Shannahan Murillas recently moved to North Carolina to take the position of ticket operations specialist with Carolina Performing Arts at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Jackie Woods Alexander and wife Siobhan Alexander welcomed their second child, Ezra, on Jan. 20, 2022. Their first child, Zoë, recently turned 2 and loves having a brother.

Sarah Baum Miller and her husband, Kevin Miller, welcomed their first child, Declan Parker Baum

Miller, on Dec. 2, 2021.

Andrew Foiles and Kate Tidaback Foiles '11 welcomed their second son, Hugo Henry Foiles, on Feb. 11, 2022. Big brother Teddy is enamored with his new accomplice.

As a student at W&M, Albion College biology professor **Kelly Hallinger Nesbitt '09** valued her experience doing research and developing working relationships with her professors. Learn why that influenced her to work at Albion College: www.albionpleiad.com/2022/03/between-classes-kelly-hallinger.

Allison P. Anoll '09 published "The Obligation Mosaic: Race and Social Norms in U.S. Political Participation." Based on the author's extensive research and interviews, Allison's new book offers an interesting look at what Americans think about civic duty, what motivates them to participate and how their ethnicity affects norms. Read more in the W&M Alumni Magazine spring book roundup: magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives.

"Out of Ukraine": W&M alumni are answering the call to help Ukraine in numerous ways and to tell the true story of what's happening during the war. Find out how alumni like **Nicole Skarpness '11**, **Valerie Hopkins '10**, **Tyler Hosford '09** and **Brendan Hoffman '02** are making an impact: magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives.

2010

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Hi everyone! Life continues to plow forward, and our classmates continue to do amazing, impressive and worthwhile things. Here's the latest.

Tribe football alum **Robert Livingston '10** was recently featured in the online W&M Alumni Magazine for his work on

the Cincinnati Bengals coaching staff as a second-year/safeties coach, helping the team reach the Super Bowl in 2022. He has been on the Bengals staff since 2015.

A handful of our classmates have been deeply engaged in recent world events. **Valerie Hopkins** was featured in the W&M Alumni Magazine as one of a handful of W&M graduates working in different capacities to address or report on the continuing crisis in Ukraine. Valerie reports for The New York Times and is now working in Ukraine after the newspaper pulled its staff from Russia, where she was previously based in Moscow.

Maurene Comey was in the news last year for her efforts prosecuting an extremely high-profile case. Maurene has served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York since 2014, where she is a chief on the Violent and Organized Crime unit. In this capacity, Maurene helped lead the prosecution of Ghislaine Maxwell, the former companion of Jeffrey Epstein, in federal court in 2021. In December, the trial resulted in a federal jury finding Maxwell guilty of sex trafficking and conspiracy.

Closer to home, **Christina Araj Mutch** and her husband, **Jake Mutch '09**, both family physicians, returned to Williamsburg after completing their medical training in West Virginia, and opened Defiant Direct Primary Care in August 2020. Their practice aims to deliver patient-centered health care, and they're experimenting with an innovative monthly membership fee model instead of requiring insurance.

Cherrie Soloria '10, M.Acc. '11 was promoted to vice president at TowneBank in Norfolk, Virginia. Cherrie is a Certified Public Accountant who earned both her bachelors and Master of Accounting from William & Mary.

Jay Jones won re-election

to a third two-year term in November 2021 representing Virginia's 89th district in the House of Delegates, which includes part of Norfolk, Virginia.

During the pandemic, **Erik Houser** started his own strategic communications firm in Seattle, specializing in philanthropic advocacy and solutions to end homelessness. He also welcomed his first child. Erik's wife, Kelsey Cline, gave birth to Althea Houser on Oct. 9, 2021.

John Morgan and Colleen Ireland Morgan '11 welcomed their second child, August Herbert Morgan, on March 3, 2022.

Lauren Habig '08 and **Rory Eaton** were married by former W&M President **W. Taylor Reveley III LL.D. '18, HON '18** in Charleston, South Carolina, on May 21, 2021. Their wedding was attended by 11 William & Mary grads, including the married couple. Their wedding marked the first time former President Reveley ever officiated a wedding.

Cullen Armet '09 technically graduated in 2009, but he started with our class and we're giving him some space here due to his many failed attempts to be published in the W&M Alumni Magazine over the past decade. To summarize 12 years of notes: after starting his career in Washington, D.C., Cullen moved back to his hometown of Pasadena, California, where he built a satisfying life with his dog, Lizzy, numerous hunting weapons and a motorcycle. He earned his Master of Public Administration at California State University and works in the field of emergency management, currently as an emergency response operations manager with SoCal Edison. He also spent several years as a volunteer mountain rescuer and was memorably featured on local news once for his rescue of a dog that fell down a dusty crevasse. He is clearly a very busy person. We look forward to Cullen's next update in another 12 years!

That's all for now! Send updates and be well! I'll own up to the fact that due to general life busy-ness I missed the deadline for submitting notes for the Spring 2022 issue, and pledge to be better about submitting notes for every single issue moving forward, hopefully eliminating "failed attempts" at inclusion! (Sorry Cullen!)

2011

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Hello Class of 2011! I hope you all are doing well. Be sure to check the online edition for some great photos that go along with your classmates' submissions. Stay safe and be well!

Cristina Hughes Blough joined World Learning on May 23, 2022, as director of corporate and foundation partnerships. Cristina will lead fundraising directed to corporations and foundations, playing a vital role in securing sponsorships, building new funder relations and demonstrating thought leadership to promote World Learning.

Kudos to **Todd Corillo** for his new position as manager of media relations for defense and technology company HII's (originally Huntington Ingalls Industries) Newport News Shipbuilding division. The former WTKR/WGNT News 3 anchor began his new role on May 9. Read more at newsroom.hii.com/releases/todd-corillo-media-relations.

Congrats to **Steffi Fitter** who just got engaged on April 16! Her new fiancé, **Sean Kroeger '12**, is also a Tribe alum and played on the football team during his time at W&M.

Kate Tidack Foiles and husband **Andrew Foiles '09** welcomed their second son, Hugo Henry Foiles, on Feb. 11, 2022. Big brother Teddy loves him already (and mom loves putting them in matching outfits).

Allison Mickel was just awarded tenure at Lehigh University! Less than five years after arriving in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, she was promoted to associate professor of sociology and anthropology at Lehigh. In those five years, Allison has also authored an award-winning book, served as a leader of a grassroots political movement that led to the election of Joe Biden in Pennsylvania, started directing the hugely popular Global Studies program at Lehigh, became a distinguished and trend-setting instructor, recruited many anthropology majors, earned over 150,000 likes on a single tweet, curated a beautiful native pollinator garden and organized a multi-year, near-total remodel of her home. Go Allison!

Colleen Ireland Morgan (my high school classmate!) and her husband, **John Morgan '10**, welcomed their second child, August Herbert Morgan, on March 3, 2022.

After a pandemic postponement, **Laura Scott Neading** married Henry "Ty" Neading in March 2022, in Canton, Ohio. Many W&M alumni were present, including bridesmaids **Emily Sample** and **Ali Cano '10**. The couple were legally married in Virginia Beach in June 2021. Between their marriage and their wedding, Laura and Ty bought their first home in Medford, Massachusetts, in June and welcomed their first child, Lucy Bowman Neading, in January.

W&M alumni are answering the call to help Ukraine in numerous ways and to tell the true story of what's happening during the war. Find out how alumni like **Nicole Skarpness**, New York Times reporter **Valerie Hopkins '10**, **Tyler Hosford '09**, and **Brendan Hoffman '02** are making an impact: magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives/out-of-ukraine.php.

Courtney Sutton Strosnider and her

husband welcomed their first child, Madison Sutton Strosnider, on Jan. 21, 2022. We hope to see her in the W&M Class of 2044!

Adreanne Stephenson Stuckey and husband Jason Stuckey welcomed a baby girl into their family! Aiyla Jai Stuckey was born on May 11, 2022, weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz. They are overjoyed to have her enter the world healthy and alert. She is growing so quickly every day and makes Adreanne and Jason very proud parents!

2012 10

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Hello Class of 2012!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are settling into fall.

Our new neighbor here in Jerusalem is a TV producer who is working on a nature documentary about swifts — a species of black bird that fills the sky at sunset, zipping up and down as if they have a million places to be but can't decide where to go first. I wouldn't call these birds' appearance remarkable in any way except for their shape. Their wings form a sharp angle — like a bunch of less-than and greater-than signs slicing through the air.

Swifts can fly at speeds up to 70 mph, making them one of the fastest birds in flight, and they can also travel over 124,000 miles per year. They catch and eat bugs mid-flight, sleep mid-flight and some species even spend up to 10 months in the air. Without landing. At all. So, in a nutshell, these guys are BUSY!

That's probably more than you wanted to know about a random bird species, but as my neighbor was telling me about them, I thought, "If I were a bird, I'd be a swift." Because right now as a current

stay-at-home-mom, I feel like I'm building the plane as I fly it. I flit from one thing to the next in a frenzy, often leaving one task unfinished to do something else that seemed more urgent and thus forgetting about the original thing I was doing. Changing diapers, folding laundry, Googling things like "is it normal for a 6-month-old to X, Y and Z," organizing toys, running errands, the list goes on.

Sometimes after we put our daughter to sleep, I think "what did I even do all day?" But when I break it down, I realize that what I'm "accomplishing" in this season of life is usually enough. Maybe I'm just paying less attention to "tasks" and more attention to my daughter's hysterical laughter, her soft tufts of hair against my cheek, and her contagious, open-mouthed grin.

So, if you ever feel a little frenzied or frazzled, whether regarding work, relationships, home life, kids, etc., just think about the swift. To an observer, they look like dizzying, directionless, not especially graceful ink blots in mid-air — when really they're eating full meals, sleeping, and mating in mid-air after flying non-stop from France to Israel. Not too shabby, eh?!

"You can do anything, but not everything." — David Allen

In Tribe We Trust,
-Maddie

Here's what's new with our classmates:

Maegan Crews Fall-en, director of the career development center at Randolph College, participated in W&M Professionals Week panel discussions during the week of Feb. 28-March 4. Read more at magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives.

Walt Hickey won a Pulitzer Prize for Illustrated Reporting and Commentary. He edited a comic published on Insider that told the story of a Uyghur woman who escaped internment in Xinjiang and fled to the United States. He previously served as

the online editor of The Flat Hat. See www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-year for more.

Becca Gildea married Andy Freiheit in St. Pete Beach, Florida, on May 14, 2022.

2013

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Happy Fall, Tribe! Thank you to everyone who shared their news with me and, by extension, our classmates. Check out our online Class Notes for even more news!

Class of 2013 alumni and current colleagues **Will Langley** and **Sarah Higgins Becker** joined the U.S. Foreign Service in July 2021. They were co-incidentally both assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, for their first overseas assignment, and will be cheering on the Tribe from Central Asia starting this fall.

Matthew Whitfield and **Kristyn Kamke** got engaged on the Crim Dell bridge on Dec. 12, 2021. **Kelly Austin, Margaret Skipp '13, M.Acc. '14** and **Betsy Goldemen** were also in attendance to celebrate and help pull off the surprise.

This past winter, **Mike Schilling** and his wife, **Jennifer Thorne Schilling '11, M.S. '12**, moved to Colorado. Mike is now the associate director of residence life and residential conduct at the University of Colorado at Denver.

Kathryn VanDeveer Gioia and her husband, Chris, built a house in a suburb of Pittsburgh this past year. Kathryn recently moved to the law firm Bowles Rice LLP as a tax/estate planning/administration attorney. She is based out of the Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, office and also working regularly in the firm's Morgantown, West Virginia, office to meet with clients in both states. Kathryn is running

for the board of directors for the Women's Business Network.

Thornton Ray and his wife welcomed baby Rosalie Louise Victoria Ray on Jan. 1, 2022.

Elizabeth DeBusk-Maslanka and husband **Anthony Maslanka** also celebrated the birth of their daughter in January.

Ana Hughes was selected as a Northern Virginia 40 Under 40 Honoree in March. Every year, the Leadership Center for Excellence and Leadership Fairfax recognize emerging leaders who "demonstrate exceptional and impactful leadership in their professional and personal spheres within the Northern Virginia region."

On March 23, **Jocelyn Ray** successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation in microbiology and immunology from the University of Virginia. Jocelyn is returning to medical school at U.Va. and will graduate with her M.D. in 2024. She and her husband, **C.J. Trachta**, adopted a rescue puppy named Freya in June 2021.

Erin Dean Tomczak and her husband, Trevor, welcomed their second daughter, Scarlett Riley Tomczak, on March 23. Their first daughter, Eleanor Delaney Tomczak, born on June 4, 2020, is enjoying her new role as big sister.

Jane Rabinovitz Raleigh married her husband, Christopher, on April 16. Among those in attendance were **Emily Blake**, Leah Glenn, professor of dance, and Steve Prince, director of engagement at William & Mary's Muscarelle Museum of Art.

Brittany Hull married her wife, Meagan, on April 23. They moved to Newport News, Virginia, last fall and have built a family of fur babies and other critters whom they enjoy spoiling and spending time with.

In the spring, **Sarah Lilly '13, M.Ed. '14** graduated with her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction (STEM+CS Education) from the University of

Virginia.

Michael Goetjen graduated with his Ph.D. in musicology from Rutgers University.

Candace Garnes is celebrating a year of engagement and is fully immersed in wedding planning. In May, she attended W&M's inaugural Black Alumni Reunion. She is finishing up a project management certification and will be looking for new opportunities in project management and employee engagement.

The Rev. **Caitlyn Darnell** married Scott Keith in June with a number of W&M classmates in attendance. Caitlyn and Scott met in graduate school at Yale University and live happily with their two Wheaten Terriers. They live in Columbia, South Carolina, where Caitlyn was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2021.

Vivian Cooper Harvey and her husband, **Sam Harvey '12**, recently moved to Baltimore, where Sam started a pathology residency at Johns Hopkins University and Vivian works as a family medicine physician in the community setting. They welcomed a baby girl in June.

Laura Traub Cooper and her husband celebrated the first birthday of their son, Robert Elmer Cooper III, on July 5. He is their first child.

2014

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Greetings from Williamsburg! If you haven't been back in a while, consider doing so for Homecoming this year, Oct. 6-9. There's an Illy Cafe on DoG Street (if you can't reminisce early enough to beat the crowds at Aromas), the Cheese Shop is making sandwiches again, and Bruster's Ice Cream now has non-dairy flavors and a drive-thru, so ... unless you don't like coffee, sandwiches and ice cream ... you should prob-

ably come and taste some of the best as you connect with old friends! Speaking of, we've got some congratulations to extend:

Kudos to **Ryan Smith** on joining Northwestern University as the team's cornerbacks coach! While playing for W&M Football, Smith made the CAA Football Academic All-Conference Team for two consecutive years and earned the CAA Sports Commissioner's Academic Award.

And in the world of music, Car Seat Headrest went back on tour this summer. DJing at WCWM as a W&M student "was a really formative time, for me and for Car Seat Headrest," says **Will Barnes**, who performs under the name Will Toledo.

Find more about Ryan and Will in our online edition.

Send me any notes you may want to share in the next issue!

2015

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Hello, Class of 2015! Just a couple of updates this season.

Carly O'Connell received her master's degree in international education from The George Washington University this summer. Congratulations!

Kudos to **Emma Zhao '15, M.Acc. '16** and **Scott Klein '15, M.Acc. '16** on their promotions at Alvarez & Marsal Taxand in Washington, D.C. Emma has been promoted to director and Scott to manager.

2016

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Hello Class of 2016,

I hope that everyone is keeping safe and well! Please see some updates

from our class below:

Matt Nelli successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis in organic chemistry at the University of Utah in March and moved to San Diego for a job in biotech.

Alexa Hinrichs recently graduated with a Master of Social Work from University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

On April 9, 2022, **Zack Perconti** married his girlfriend of five years, Ariela Garvett, at a ceremony attended by friends and family in Purcellville, Virginia. The couple live in Alexandria, Virginia, with their dog, Sadie.

Finally, **Nathaniel Hatter** graduated from the University of Texas School of Law and will be moving to London this fall to start his legal practice.

Thank you to everyone for your updates! Best wishes until next time.

2017 5

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Hi all, I've been your class reporter for about a year now and want to thank you all for responding to my emails requesting updates! I really enjoy getting to know you better through your notes. As we celebrate our five-year reunion, I feel connected even if we didn't meet during our time at William & Mary. I hope this column helps you feel connected too! As I coordinate Homecoming & Reunion Weekend at a school on Long Island Oct. 7-9, I won't be able to attend our Homecoming the same weekend, but I look forward to heading back to the 'Burg sometime soon. Until then, I hope to see more of your updates, or just drop me a note and say hi!

From our class:

Laura Jones and **Stephen Gurley** got married in Richmond, Virginia, on April 30, 2022.

Vayda Parrish got married to Jonnmichael Tarleton on April 9, 2022,

at Parrish View Farms (her family home) in Kenbridge, Virginia. W&M alumni in attendance were **Jack Edgar '15**, **Meaghan Morgan '17**, **Paul Naisbitt '16**, **Will Adie '18**, **Phoebe Bain '19**, **Eric Carstens '17**, **Kayla Miller '17** (one of the two maids of honor), **Samantha Gorny** (bridesmaid), **Elena Irina Gavrilva '18** (bridesmaid), **Caitlin McTiernan** (bridesmaid), **Vianca Chaidez** (bridesmaid), **Laura Anderson '18** and **Jennifer Wingfield Smith '94**.

William "Billy" Moncure is beginning a doctoral program in clinical psychology this fall. **Austin Meadows** graduated with their Master of Social Work in 2019, and after working contractor gigs, now works for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance as their communications and resources coordinator. They're still with their partner that they met while at W&M (together for six and a half years at this point).

Leigh Seitz graduated in May from the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University with a Master's in International Affairs. On June 4, she and **Jason Nykorczuk '18** were married in Middleburg, Virginia. Their wedding party was majority W&M alumni: **Hannah Petrie '16**, **Lidia Kovacevic**, **Andie Powers '18**, **Meredith Radel '19**, **William Crossman '19** and **Zach Smith '17**, **M.S. '18**.

Here's a note from **Emma Walhout '17**, **M.S. '19**: "Since graduating W&M, I've moved to Michigan, working at Charles River Laboratories. After starting in the bioanalytical lab, I've since become a supervisor and am proud to have been part of a company that has worked on all the COVID-19 vaccines these past couple years. On March 26, 2022, I asked fellow W&M alum **Drea-ma Forbes** to marry me — she said yes! We will be

married in Williamsburg where we first met. In the meantime, we're enjoying our chaotic lives in our new house with two dogs and a turtle."

Michael Martocci has been founding businesses since he was 5 years old. This talent for entrepreneurship led him to take the swag world by storm with his latest start-up, SwagUp, and Forbes to name him to its 2021 "30 Under 30" list. Read more about him at magazine.wm.edu/issue/2022-spring.

Pallavi Rudraraju is one of the winners of the new W&M Asian Centennial Awards, and one of five alumni whose work for diversity, equity and justice has had a lasting impact — the other honorees are **Michael Chu J.D. '92**, **Amandeep Sidhu '00**, **Yiqing "Pocket" Sun '13** and **David Uy '93**, **M.B.A. '96**. Other winners include **Judith Chaisiri Lee '00** and **Veronica Salcedo '02**, former student leaders of the group Focus on Asian Cultures Emerging in Society (FACES). Read more at magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives.

2018

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Is pollen season over yet? As I'm writing this, all the trees in Virginia are joined in a collective effort to accomplish my demise. I've never had seasonal allergies before this year, even in Williamsburg, but I now understand W&M's policy allowing those with allergies and a doctor's note proving it to have air conditioning units in their rooms. For those who suffered through swamp allergies, please let me know your secret to survival. I'm anxious for any help.

Despite the allergies, I started my summer work at Gentry Locke in Roanoke the week that the fall issue of Class Notes

were due. I was pleasantly surprised to see **Natalia Micheli '20** walk into the office right on my heels on the first day of work. It's funny how neither of us knew of each other during college and we both have different friend groups at Washington and Lee University School of Law, but we keep choosing the same career trajectories. I learned recently that Natalia was a Rho Chi with my little, **Marina Schlosser '20**, during one recruitment season, and I'm looking forward to getting to know her better this summer. **Haley Doss Santos '17**, another William & Mary undergraduate alumna turned Washington and Lee Law alumna, joined Gentry Locke as a first-year associate and immediately took us under her wing during the first week of our summer experience.

Hollie Soave and **Doug Jiang '16** announced their engagement below the pillow clouds of Washington, D.C.'s cherry blossoms this past spring. Doug graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School just weeks after the engagement. We're wishing them all the happiness in the world and looking forward to seeing their futures unfold. We're also taking bets as to whether Hollie will knit her own wedding dress. (I'm joking, but if anyone could do it, she could. Jokes aside, I've no doubt there will be a nod to Hollie's knitting on their wedding day.)

The researchers at the alumni magazine tell me that **Tommy Papas** is now playing professional basketball in Greece. Since we can all travel again, perhaps try to catch a game while you're on your next European tour.

They've also informed me that **Danny O'Dea** published his debut novel, an apocalyptic thriller called "The Last Man in Cleveland." The real world is scary enough for me already (can we talk about gas prices soaring above \$4 per gallon?!), so I'll stick to Jane Austen and

James Fenimore Cooper, but I hope that you all who don't live alone and don't read right before you fall asleep at night (read: aren't scared geese like myself) will support Danny's budding literary endeavors.

Finally, I've been informed that congratulations are in order for **Joshua Himmelstein**, currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of North Carolina Institute of Marine Sciences, who received the 2022 North Carolina Sea Grant and Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership joint fellowship. Joshua studies sediment in marshes, and his research will enable us to better understand marsh vulnerability to climate change.

Cheers,
PMB

2019

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What a marvelous summer I hope you all had! Although other class reporters have mentioned this in the past, it's worth reiterating that these notes are written roughly four months in advance to meet publishing deadlines, and I only completed my last set in mid-March. This means that while I hope the summer was a great one, any summer news will not appear until my next notes.

With that said, some of our classmates have big plans for the summer already. **Abby Whitlock** will be presenting her research at a conference hosted by the Royal Air Force Museum in London come September. Abby is an incredible young historian, so I am sure her talk will be a highlight.

Bill Murray recently signed a futures contract with the New England Patriots according to Sports Illustrated, so I'm sure he has a big summer of practice ahead.

I will be in the New York City area for most of the summer, interning with a judge in the Eastern District of New York in the federal district's Brooklyn courthouse. I am beyond excited to spend time with many of our classmates for the first time since the pandemic started, and I am certain I will have news to report back with.

I am sure many of you will be traveling this summer, although I have already seen a lot of our class traveling this spring. I was especially excited to live vicariously through **Megan Beier's** trip to Lisbon, Portugal. I would love to share travel recommendations and stories in our winter notes if you'll send me your recent travel news!

Finally, I am catching up on overdue congratulations to our classmates. **Ada Hinton** was recently promoted to social media specialist at George Washington's Mount Vernon. **Grace Prillaman** got engaged to her University of Virginia School of Medicine classmate Anthony Ignozzi, and **Caroline Byrd** is engaged to Jack Ademek. Congratulations to you all!

That's all for now. Please feel free to reach out with any news for me to share.

2020

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Dear Class of 2020,

I hope you all are doing well and had a lovely summer filled with plenty of rest, relaxation and adventure!

At the time of writing this note, I am in the process of moving back to Richmond, Virginia, from Nashville, Tennessee. I recently started a new (fully remote) job as the digital marketing manager for the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association. I also became a homeown-

er and discovered that my new neighbor is the one and only **Noushon Fatemi**! I'm grateful for how quickly she and many other members of the Tribe (including **Bailey Harlow**, **Claire Atiyeh** and **Emilie Bjerring**) welcomed me back to Richmond.

Here's the latest news: **Lauren Smith** is starting graduate school at George Mason University. She's pursuing her Master of Public Health and is looking forward to working in health promotion, chronic disease prevention and health policy improvement.

Raadhika Tandon graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies with her M.A. in global risk.

Marriya Schwarz recently got a job working as an adjunct professor in writing studies at American University, where she has also been working to get her M.F.A. in creative writing. She has also been working as a pop culture writer as well as a short-form video content creator/TikTok manager for Zimbio. She's also been busy running a late-night show, "The Catch-Up," and a podcast, called "Remake Hot Take," with fellow alumna **Brooke Rees**.

Jonah Finkel is starting medical school at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University as a member of the Class of 2026.

John Napoli, **Dan Gleesach**, and **Shep Greene '21** moved into a new apartment in Washington, D.C.

Grace Kier graduated from Stanford with an M.A. in Russian, East European and Eurasian studies this spring and is now starting law school at Yale.

Leah Griffith worked as an assistant language teacher for the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Programme for a few months. She lived on Amami Island, Japan, and worked in a high school.

Having completed her master's degree in social work at Howard University this spring, **Jasmine Garnes** used the summer to prepare to take her licensing exam. In August, she started working as a school-based behavioral health therapist at an elementary school in Washington, D.C.

Marisa Lemma received her Master of Public Policy from the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at the University of Virginia.

Elizabeth Acors worked at Tidewater Kidney Specialists as a medical assistant from the summer after graduating from William & Mary until May 2022. This July, she started medical school at the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She hopes to learn so much and become a pediatrician after she earns her D.O. degree!

"My Asian-American Dream," a documentary produced by **Truman Ruberti** in collaboration with former W&M writing instructor Emily Pease, aired during this year's Amper-sand International Arts Festival (formerly known as the W&M Global Film Festival). In the film, three Asian Americans — Jenny Loveland, Hannah Aaronson and the late Satoshi Ito, a Japanese internment camp survivor and former W&M sociology professor — discuss their unique individual experiences.

Lincoln Zaleski shared his insights on Russia's most recent invasion of Ukraine during W&M's Global Research Institute's panel on "Russia, Ukraine, and the Future of Global Order." Zaleski, who specializes in Russian influence through media and information operations, gave a brief presentation and answered questions from a packed audience. Read more about the event in our online edition.

As always, drop me a line and I'll share your news in the next note!

Take care,
Devon

2021

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Hello everyone! I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits. I write this about a year after our graduation — it is hard to believe how quickly time has passed, but I can tell from your updates that you have spent it well, so without further ado I present you your classmates' messages:

Shreyas Kumar: "In July, I will move to Mbabane, Eswatini (Africa), for six months to work with the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Program at Columbia University on the DETECT Project, or Diabetes Evaluation in Tuberculosis (TB) patients in Eswatini for Improving TB/HIV Care and Treatment, as part of my Master in Public Health practicum at Columbia University."

Mahina Robbins had her senior thesis published as a peer-reviewed manuscript in Geomorphology. This paper quantifies area/volumetric changes in the Virginia Barrier Islands over the last ~180 years, and explores some of the responsible mechanisms: www.vims.edu/research/units/labgroups/coastal_geology/news/index.php.

Gregory Alan: "I'm currently working for Georgetown Dermatology in Washington, D.C. This July, I will start my first year of medical school at Campbell University!"

Daisy Garner: "I am still in Austria serving as a teaching assistant, working on my German skills and volunteering!"

Rebecca Willis: "In October, I moved to Japan to teach English full-time via the JET program. I'm currently living in Kumamoto City, working with students in elementary and junior high school. This job has been one of my long-term goals, so being assigned to some wonderful schools

in a city that effectively balances its history and traditions with pop culture and technology is a dream come true. I've had a great time getting to know the city and forming bonds with students (which can be difficult as I teach more than 24 different classes in a week at times). They have introduced me to their favorite artists, TV shows, singers, movies and games, and since I teach grades 3-9, I feel like my own tastes have returned to that shamelessly gleeful style we all had as middle schoolers. I'm loving learning from them as much as I hope they're learning from me."

Kiera Sears: "I have been pursuing a Master of Science in Marine Biology at University College Cork in Cork, Ireland. I am currently in Oregon working on my thesis and studying the social feeding behaviors of bottlenose dolphins in Brazil!"

Lucy Paiste: "I'm living in New York City and keeping in very close touch with my wonderful friends from W&M. I currently work for an educational tour operator (Arrangements Abroad — I believe we work with W&M's alumni travel program!), and am going to law school in the fall."

Ian Doty took over as Young Guard Council representative to the William & Mary Alumni Association Board of Directors on June 11, following a year on its executive committee. Ian is the voice of young alumni to the Alumni Association.

Corey Stubanas: "In May I started full-time as a program coordinator at the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. I had been working for their travel program and helping arrange their speaker events, including one with Asaf Zamir, Consul General of Israel."

Miso Park: "I finished my first year of my Master of Public Health program (out of two years) and I will work at the University

of Virginia's hospital as a greeter over the summer."

Phillip Firehock: '19 am finishing my first year in the inaugural Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at Duke University. I am proud of my partner **Carolyn Farling '19**, who is earning a Doctorate of Chemistry from North Carolina State University and my friend **Quinn Doroski** who begins their Virginia Commonwealth University's counseling masters program in the fall. Using lessons learned from training clients at W&M, I continue to offer personal training to the Duke community. I look forward to seeing how the W&M rugby team continues our prestigious legacy into 2022."

2022

If you are interested in reporting for the Class of 2022, please contact the magazine staff at alumni.magazine@wm.edu.

Arts & Sciences

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As autumn approaches with some relief from the summer heat, find yourself some cool shade and send in some news!

Judith A. "Judy" Rider M.A. '88, Ph.D. '94 (history), a professor of history at Mississippi State University, was named the 2022 Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year. She is a historian of early America and was named Teacher of the Year for bringing insights of the humanities to the general public.

Bill Burke M.A. '88 (history), a historian for the National Seashore, presented "The Archaeology of the Cape Cod National Seashore" at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History back in January as reported by the Falmouth Enterprise.

The Ted DeLaney Youth Opportunities Program, which honors the memory of **Theodore "Ted" Carter DeLaney Ph.D. '95** (history) and seeks to promote racial equality and equal educational opportunities for Lexington, Virginia, and surrounding area residents, awarded its first grant in June 2021. More grant awards have been made since then as reported by the News-Gazette.

Check out this new read in the Spring 2022 Book Roundup at magazine.wm.edu/online-exclusives!

Seth C. Bruggeman M.A. '00, Ph.D. '07 (American studies), an associate professor of history at Temple University, published "Lost on the Freedom Trail: The National Park Service and Urban Renewal in Postwar Boston" (University of Massachusetts Press, 2022).

Mason School of Business

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Greetings! I hope your 2022 is still going well and that your year so far has been a prosperous and healthy one. We have some exciting updates from our fellow Mason alumni, and it's uplifting to have reasons to celebrate as a community! Our Tribe bonds can be life-giving and lifelong. I'm very grateful for all of my W&M

friends across the country and our unique bonds. I hope you have the same. Please keep me posted about milestones happening in your life that we can celebrate and share with others. My email address is angelapcourtney@gmail.com, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Cliff Fleet '91, M.A. '93, M.B.A. '95, J.D. '95 is president and CEO of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, which recently raised over \$62 million in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic while expanding the organization's digital footprint. Cliff is also on the board of trustees of the William & Mary Foundation and has been appointed by the Virginia governor to serve on the American Revolution 250 Commission. He was formerly the CEO and president of Philip Morris USA.

Grant Hagen M.B.A. '00 has been named president, cyber and electronic warfare at HII Technical Solutions, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries. This is a promotion from his prior role as vice president of business operations.

John Hickman M.B.A. '92 has been named the new director of the Salisbury University Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network (BEACON). He was previously director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maryland Small Business Development Center — Eastern Region.

Paul Hoelting M.B.A. '01 recently became president of TForce Freight in Richmond, Virginia. TForce Freight was previously known as UPS Freight and is now owned by TFI International in Canada. Paul is also a member of the Virginia board for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Brittany Williams Jeffries M.B.A. '16 was selected for the 2021 Inside Business Top 40 Under 40 list in Hampton Roads. This is a significant

honor that awards young professionals who are successful in their careers and involved in the community. Brittany has been with The Garcia Companies for eight years and currently serves as vice president.

Jim Kaplan M.B.A. '92 was re-elected secretary of the Tri-County Technical College's Commission, the nine-member governing board of the college in Pendleton, South Carolina.

Sandy King Kauanui M.B.A. '92 is the founder and director of Florida Gulf Coast University Daveler & Kauanui School of Entrepreneurship, which supports unlikely student entrepreneurs in the Southwest Florida area as they start and grow their businesses. Since the program's founding in 2016, students have launched an impressive 462 businesses. In addition, the Princeton Review has recognized the program as one of the top entrepreneurship programs for undergraduates in the country.

Michael Parent M.B.A. '19 was recently recognized with the prestigious 40 under 40 "Rising Stars" award by the American Society for Quality (ASQ), a professional organization. Michael oversees a consulting firm, Michael Parent Consulting Services, and is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt at AAA in Dearborn, Michigan.

Lauren Soles M.B.A. '16 got married on Nov. 12, 2021, to Aaron Templeman. She and Aaron will continue living in Richmond, Virginia, as they start their newlywed life together. Lauren is currently working as business development director for BDO in Richmond.

Alexis Swann M.B.A. '93 is president of Virginia Peninsula/Williamsburg at Townebank and recently moderated a panel discussion on the Future of the Virginia Workforce. Panelists of this timely discussion included **Latoya Asia J.D. '09**, director of talent acquisition and workforce

planning at Dominion Energy; **Debbie McDade Ratliff**, senior director of talent engagement for University Advancement at William & Mary; and **Kristen O'Neal Vaughan '00**, managing director of human capital practice at Accenture Federal Services.

Brian Winterstein M.B.A. '10 has joined Pyramid Healthcare based in the Hampton Roads, Virginia, area as their executive vice president and chief human resources officer. Pyramid Healthcare is one of the largest integrated behavioral healthcare systems in the United States. Brian is known for his proven track record of success in creating collaborative relationships that lead to both positive business and people results.

School of Education

Graduate School Reporter

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Ashley Bristow Bartley M.Ed. '08 has released her third children's book in a social-emotional learning series published by Boys Town Press. "Remi in Overdrive" offers children struggling with ADHD, hyperactivity, impulsivity and/or inattentiveness ideas and strategies they can implement both at home and at school and follows "Diamond Rattle Loves to Tattle" and "Opal Octopus is Overwhelmed."

Victoria Carroll Pierson M.Ed. '17 is currently implementing a Dual Language Bilingual Educational program in the Richmond Public Schools. This program was developed by Kathleen Barko-Alva, the assistant professor and director of ESL/Bilingual Education at William & Mary.

Julie Thompson '07, M.A. '10 has been appointed as the super-

intendent of the Roanoke Rapids Graded School District. As reported in the Independent Messenger, Feb. 20, 2022 (Emporia, Virginia), Julia is pursuing a doctorate in education with an emphasis in educational policy, planning and leadership (K-12 administration) at William & Mary.

Law School

Graduate School
Reporter

MATT WIDMER J.D. '05
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Editor's note: Our apologies for misspelling the name of Walter R. Calvert J.D. '83 in the spring 2022 Class Notes.

Jim McGlothlin '62, B.C.L. '64, J.D. '68, LL.D. '00 was named to the "Top 50 Heavy Hitters" by Virginia Business Magazine.

In March, **Robert Edwin Scott J.D. '68** was awarded the 2021-2022 Marshall Wythe Medallion, the highest honor given by the law school's faculty. He is director of Columbia Law School's Center for Contract and Economic Organization.

James E. Cornwell Jr. J.D. '74 was named the interim town attorney of Front Royal, Virginia.

The Hon. Charles E. Poston J.D. '74 was elected rector of the Board of Visitors.

The Hon. Mark L. Tunnell J.D. '75 completed the 10-year term on the Chester County, Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas to which he was elected and has retired.

W. Jeff Barnes '81, J.D. '86 has published his first novel, "Mingo," about two brothers during the unionization of America's coalfields.

Barbara L. Johnson J.D. '84 was elected vice rector of the Board of Visitors.

Gretchen A. Munderff J.D. '84 was appointed a member of

the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Lee Sherman J.D. '84 was featured in the Baltimore Jewish Times for his service as the interim executive director of Chizuk Amuno Congregation and Schools.

In January, **Kevin Antoine J.D. '91** hosted a virtual voting rights forum at Bucks County Community College in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

Beverly McLean Murray J.D. '91 was featured in the North Bay Business Journal. She is the regional chief human resources officer for Providence, Northern California.

Michael Chu J.D. '92 was awarded one of the inaugural W&M Asian Centennial Awards, designed to recognize individuals whose work for diversity, equity and justice have had a lasting impact.

Vanessa Williams J.D. '95 was appointed an independent director to the board of Horizon Bank.

The Hon. Matthew W. Hoffman J.D. '96 has been elevated to the Newport News Circuit Court.

Ky Tran-Trong J.D. '97 helps Visa develop leading-edge products and services as the financial services company's first regulatory lawyer.

Paul Carlino J.D. '98 has published "The Year We Ruined Our Lives: A Family Road Trip Through Mexico and Central America," which follows the journey of his family's year-long road trip.

Audra Dial J.D. '98 is now general counsel for Aston Martin Lagonda of North America.

Alicia Lewis J.D. '99 is special counsel to Commodity Futures Trading Commission Chairman Rostin Behnam.

Dan Graham J.D. '01 has joined McDermott Will & Emery as partner in its Regulatory Practice Group.

Patrick J. Mays J.D. '04 was appointed to the district court in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Thomas Okuda Fitzpatrick '04, J.D. '10

is the new president and CEO of Richmond-based nonprofit Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia Inc.

Jessica Aber J.D. '06 has been confirmed as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Shannon Daily '06, J.D. '09 was promoted to partner at global law firm Hunton Andrews Kurth.

Syed Masood J.D. '08 has published his debut novel, "The Bad Muslim Discount," where two young people — one from Pakistan and the other from Iraq — struggle to reach America in the 1990s.

Perry Cooper J.D. '11 now covers state and local tax issues for Bloomberg Law, where she had previously covered the federal circuit as senior legal editor.

Jamilah D. LeCruise J.D. '11 was appointed to the Norfolk General District Court.

Lindsay Welter Davis J.D. '12 was featured in the March edition of the Milwaukee Business Journal.

Merideth Snow Daly J.D. '13 was also promoted to partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth.

Daniel Doty J.D. '13 has been appointed to the Superior Court in Ket-chikan, Alaska.

Kelsey Kremer McGonigle J.D. '13 has been promoted to officer at Greensfelder Hemker & Gale PC in St. Louis.

Kristen Yarows J.D. '19 joined Hudson Cook in Washington, D.C., and will represent clients in government investigations and enforcement actions.

Samantha McDermott J.D. '21 joined Goldberg Segalla's Global Insurance Services group in Syracuse, New York.

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Graduate School
Reporters

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We were excited to learn that **Aswani Voley Ph.D. '95** returned to the University of North Carolina Wilmington on July 1, 2022, as the seventh chancellor. Chancellor-elect Voley previously served as the dean of University of North Carolina Wilmington's renowned College of Arts & Sciences from 2014-2019 and the executive director of the Center for Marine Science from 2018-2019. Most recently, he was provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Elon University. Aswani was selected for the nomination following a rigorous national search process that involved input from the UNCW community, including students, faculty, staff, the Board of Trustees and alumni. Congratulations!

A cohort of VIMS grads in attendance at the Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in May 2022 had fun catching up during the conference and at the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF) social, including **Joel Hoffman Ph.D. '06, David Gillett Ph.D. '10, Jacques Oliver M.S. '00, Ph.D. '05, Beth Hinchey Malloy M.A. '96, Ph.D. '02, Sam Lake Ph.D. '13, Lori Sutter Ph.D. '13** and **Richard Kraus M.S. '98**. A touching CERF tribute for VIMS professor Iris Anderson, who sadly passed away in May, was held at the social. We commend Joel and the rest of the JASM Program Committee for hosting the world's largest gathering of aquatic scientists, students, practitioners, resource agency staff and industry representatives in history! The nine member organizations of the Consortium of Aquatic

Science Societies were in attendance at this mega conference that featured great science and networking.

At the CERF social, David shared this fun update: He continues to work as a senior ecologist at the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, where he has worked since graduating from VIMS. At present, he and his wife, Michelle Lesh, split time between their homes in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Orange, California. David keeps himself busy with his photography, swimming, hiking and following Liverpool Football Club. Being based in Europe, David and Michelle have been able to indulge in their enjoyment for travel over the last few years (pandemic aside) with highlights being Sils-Maria, Switzerland; Colmar, France; and Salalah, Oman.

Thanks to roving reporter **Amy Shields M.S. '04, Ph.D. '07** who sent in this update: **Kristen Delano Walter M.S. '04, Jen Mislis Ph.D. '08, Lindy Dingerson Betzhold M.P.P. '05, M.S. '05, Kristin France Slack Ph.D. '07, Courtney Schupp M.S. '04, M.S. '05, Grace Browder Gray M.S. '05** and Amy met up in Tampa, Florida, for their annual VIMS reunion. After missing two years of reunions due to the pandemic, they thoroughly enjoyed their house on the water and a bonus chance meetup with **Kelly Johnson M.S. '03** at a Cuban restaurant in town! Amy also reports that she was one of the 10 U.S. scientists to recently take part in the U.S. Delegation for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for Working Groups I, II and III. Way to represent!

Readers, your class reporters, Scoop Hinchey and Newshound Nestlerode, want your updates for future columns. Call in more "Quips" to share with fellow alumni — y'all know who you are!

In Memoriam

READ FULL OBITUARIES ONLINE

Below are the names of members of the William & Mary community whose passing was reported between Feb. 8 and July 5, 2022. **To read extended obituaries, please go online to our magazine website at magazine.wm.edu/in-memoriam.** Please send information to Alumni Records, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187, call (757) 221-1167 or email alumni.magazine@wm.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Helen St. Julian Marshall Fedziuk '43 of Hampton, Virginia, died Feb. 4, 2022.

Barbara Gray Macon Dray '44 of Sausalito, California, died May 3, 2022.

Constance "Connie" Anninos Lord '45 of Franklin, Tennessee, died Feb. 8, 2022.

Julia Ann Bray McPhillips '45 of Norfolk, Virginia, died Jan. 21, 2022.

Shirley Friedlander Rose '45 of Alexandria, Virginia, died Dec. 3, 2021.

Alice Louise White Tomlinson '46 of Damariscotta, Maine, died March 21, 2022.

Evelyn Cope Stryker Peyton '47 of Mystic, Connecticut, died Feb. 19, 2022.

Ruth Sinclair Walling Veasey '47 of Havenhill, Massachusetts, died Feb. 3, 2022.

Charles S. Baker III '48 of Hickory, North Carolina, died June 5, 2022.

Thomas "Pat" Patrick Burke Jr. '48 of Amelia Court House, Virginia, died Feb. 6, 2022.

Beverly Owens Knox '49 of Brandon, Florida, died May 22, 2022.

Mary "Molly" Elizabeth Gerberich Murphy '49 of Vienna, Virginia, died May 29, 2022.

Gene Griffin Wilson '49 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, died March 26, 2022.

Carroll "Pete" H. Woodling '50 of Sante Fe, Texas, died May 16, 2022.

John "Unkie" Rosseel Overton McKean '51 of Morrisville, North Carolina, died Feb. 24, 2022.

Joseph William Rosendale '51 of Toms River, New Jersey, died June 14, 2022.

John "Jack" Logan Hudson, Jr. '52 of Hampton, Virginia, died June 20, 2022.

Anne Carter Nelson Harnden '53 of Novi, Michigan, died April 11, 2022.

Edward Tony Vogue '53 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died March 31, 2022.

James David Carter III '52, J.D. '54 of Williamsburg died April 6, 2022.

Larry "Don" Donald Gardner '54 of Hampton, Virginia, died Feb. 11, 2022.

James Norvell Shrader '54 of Huntsville, Alabama, died.

Marjorie Fay Beam Shrader '54 of Huntsville, Alabama, died.

William Thomas Gatling Jr. '55 of Portsmouth, Virginia, died Feb. 3, 2022.

Normand Thomas Graber '55 of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, died Feb. 22, 2022.

John Anthony "Tony" Hannold '55 of Richmond, Virginia, died April 15, 2022.

Joan Frances Showalter '55 of Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, died Feb. 12, 2022.

Laurence "Larry" DeWald Bobbin '56 of Morris Township, New Jersey, died June 22, 2022.

Jeffrey "Jeff" Harrison Kittross '56 of Lenox, Massachusetts, died March 31, 2022.

Susan Dukes Thackston Clark '57 of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, died June 5, 2022.

Dennis Charles Dix '57 of Ashburn, Virginia, died Dec. 12, 2021.

James "Jim" Richard Kaplan '57 of Williamsburg died July 3, 2022.

Barbara Booth Watson '57 of Midlothian, Virginia, died April 5, 2022.

Dr. Margaret "Margaret" Louise Wyatt '57 of Greenville, South Carolina, died Feb. 17, 2022.

Jane Anne Mathes Dick '58 of Whittier, California, died Feb. 4, 2022.

Patricia "Pat" MacDonald Coan Fitzmaurice '58 of Bowie, Maryland, died March 12, 2022.

William "Bill" Robert Davidson '59 of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, died March 21, 2022.

Ronald "Ron" Dominick Masci '60 of Chantilly, Virginia, died Feb. 12, 2022.

Monna Wier '60 of Gig Harbor, Washington, died Aug. 13, 2021.

David "Marshall" Marshall Barry '61 of Williamsburg died May 19, 2022.

George Bernard Chapman '61 of Raleigh, North Carolina, died March 10, 2022.

Dorothy "Dotty" Sapoch Clayton '61 of Falls Church, Virginia, died June 2, 2021.

Samuel "Q" Quinton Johnson III '61 of Easton, Maryland, died May 17, 2022.

William Irby Moncure Jr. '61 of Blackstone, Virginia, died Feb. 10, 2022.

Carolyn Mae Washer Rubin '61 of Sykesville, Maryland, died Feb. 8, 2022.

Robert "Bob" Leslie Ellis '62 of Columbia, Maryland, died March 23, 2022.

Connie Catterton Sizemore '62 of Seattle, Washington, died March 25, 2022.

Arnold "Arnie" Wayne Jones Sr. '63 of Duncan, South Carolina, died March 2, 2022.

Thomas Regis McGeehan Jr. '63 of Wilmore, Kentucky, died March 29, 2022.

John Alfred Renick '63 of Grand Island, Florida, died Jan. 29, 2022.

Anne Cecilia Bragassa '64 of Lynchburg, Virginia, died Feb. 22, 2022.

Marynell Roberts Gordon '64 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died April 7, 2022.

Suzanne Shomon Forehand '65 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Feb. 16, 2022.

Charles Alexander Glenn Jr. '65 of Lynchburg, Virginia, died March 30, 2022.

Richard “Dick” Paxton Woodhouse ’65 of Cooperstown, New York, died April 9, 2022.

Paul Louis Abramo ’66 of Andover, New Jersey, died Jan. 8, 2022.

Kathryn “Kathy” Ingram Allen ’66 of Haddonfield, New Jersey, died Feb. 15, 2022.

John “Jake” Arthur Jacobsen ’66 of Chino Valley, Arizona, died Jan. 24, 2022.

Robert “Ed” Edward Tomes ’66, J.D. ’68 of Huntersville, North Carolina, died June 9, 2022.

Martin “Art” Denis Walsh ’66, J.D. ’73 of Arlington, Virginia, died June 6, 2022.

Ann Austin Seay Duncan ’67 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died June 5, 2022.

Isabell Amanda King Horsley ’67 of White Stone, Virginia, died Feb. 22, 2022.

Mary Ann Nuem-berger Mason ’67 of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, died Feb. 18, 2022.

Lewis Beryl Thurston Jr. ’68 of Yorktown, Virginia, died May 28, 2022.

Wendy Gasteiger Wallio ’68 of Newport News, Virginia, died May 30, 2022.

Susan Ann Moncol Ryan ’69 of New Bern, North Carolina, died Jan. 31, 2022.

Sandra Skeen Spengeman ’69, M.A. ’72 of Franklin, Virginia, died March 17, 2022.

Robert Charles Daniel ’72 of College Park, Maryland, died April 7, 2022.

Fred Kenneth Hoener ’70 of Jacksonville, Florida, died June 13, 2022.

Steven “Steve” Goode Dodge ’71 of Amissville, Virginia, died May 19, 2022.

Robert “Bob” Charles Herb ’71 of Largo, Florida, died Feb. 13, 2022.

Elizabeth Claire Dowdy McGeehan ’71 of Media, Pennsylvania, died March 12, 2022.

Richard “Rich” Dean Randa ’71 of Springfield, Virginia, died March 2, 2022.

Aleta Marie Ahlstrom ’72 of Springfield, Virginia, died Sept. 3, 2021.

Joseph Edward Blair ’72 of Washington, D.C., died May 27, 2022.

Thomas “T.J.” Piland Johnson ’72 of Greenville, North Carolina, died April 3, 2022.

Stephen “Steve” Ross Weishaar ’72 of Richmond, Virginia, died April 7, 2022.

John “Jack” Thomas Bruce ’73 of Williamsburg died Feb. 14, 2022.

Steven “Steve” Frederick Glessner ’73 of White Stone, Virginia, died June 18, 2022.

Edward “Gene” Eugene Martin ’73 of Hampton, Virginia, died May 25, 2022.

Michael “Mike” Stephen Smith ’73 of Atlantic Beach, Florida, died Jan. 28, 2022.

Ralph “Starr” Starr Boggs ’74 of Westhampton Beach, New York, died April 1, 2022.

Allen David Carli Jr. ’74 of Richmond, Virginia, died March 1, 2022.

Dr. Stuart James Kolner ’74 of Ames, Iowa, died April 1, 2022.

Moiria Madrid Spahr ’75 of Springfield, Virginia, died March 11, 2022.

William Kit Bean ’76 of Arlington, Virginia, died Feb. 13, 2022.

Robert “Bobby” Paschal Bendall III ’76 of Santa Monica, California, died Feb. 21, 2022.

Aaron Hardwick Efrid ’77 of Georgetown, South Carolina, died April 3, 2022.

Raymond “Ray” Andrew Jacobs ’77 of Ashland, Ohio, died April 6, 2022.

Patricia “Patty” Jean Pazoga Todd ’80 of Indiana Township, Pennsylvania, died March 2, 2022.

Sharon “Bunny” Gaye Bryant ’82 of Charlottesville, Virginia, died March 27, 2021.

Lynne Diane Hirschman ’82 of Carmel, Indiana, died March 21, 2022.

David Leroy Brown ’83 of Charles City, Virginia, died May 8, 2022.

Peter H. Neil ’83 of Shaker Heights, Ohio, died March 20, 2022.

Adeline “Ling” Hwang Ngo ’83 of Williamsburg died May 29, 2022.

Edward “Ed” Joseph Healey ’84 of Burke, Virginia, died May 22, 2022.

Joseph Francis Penello ’87 of Portsmouth, Virginia, died May 12, 2022.

Leah Haunz Johnson ’88 of Louisville, Kentucky, died March 27, 2022.

John Francis Dobbin ’89 of Falls Church, Virginia, died Feb. 23, 2022.

William “Ted” Theodore Waters ’89 of Richmond, Virginia, died March 2, 2022.

Stephanie Anne Stanberry ’90 of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, died May 24, 2022.

John Wesley Grant ’91 of Chicago, Illinois, died Dec. 1, 2021.

Jennifer Dolosa Barrera ’95 of Pensacola, Florida, died March 11, 2022.

Timothy “Tim” Patrick George ’94, M.B.A. ’98 of Annandale, Virginia, died March 29, 2022.

Patricia Michelle Westmoreland ’01 of Williamsburg died April 30, 2022.

Patrick Warren Comstock ’05 of Rockaway Beach, New York, died Jan. 30, 2022.

Michael Gregg Dougherty ’05 of Rockville, Maryland, died March 9, 2022.

Stephen “Woody” Alexander Woodward ’05 of Richmond, Virginia, died March 4, 2022.

Eric Samuel Goldman ’06 of Briarcliff, New York, died.

Joshua Emmanuel Kwabena Owusu-Koramoah ’20 of Hampton, Virginia, died April 5, 2022.

Daniel Edward Bachman ’21 of McLean, Virginia, died Feb. 8, 2022.

GRADUATE ALUMNI

Raymond Hope Kirby M.A. ’59 of Norfolk, Virginia, died March 22, 2022.

Robert “Bob” George Frias M.Ed. ’60 of Santa Maria, California, died April 1, 2022.

Willard “Sonny” Kendall Lipscomb Jr. B.C.L. ’62 of New Kent, Virginia, died May 21, 2022.

Philip “Phil” Parker Purrington Jr. B.C.L. ’63 of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died Feb. 14, 2022.

Phillip James LaSusa Jr. B.C.L. ’64 of Highland, New York, died Jan. 30, 2022.

Mary Catherine Tip-ton Holcomb B.C.L. ’65 of Tyron, North Carolina, died March 8, 2022.

William “Tocco” Joseph Sullivan B.C.L. ’65 of Waterbury, Connecticut, died June 6, 2022.

Barbara June Earley M.Ed. ’67 of Cochran-ton, Pennsylvania, died April 16, 2022.

Ocie Fraser Murray Jr. J.D. ’67 of Fayetteville, North Carolina, died May 29, 2022.

Dennis O’Neil Gillikin M.Ed. ’68 of Hartfield, Virginia, died June 24, 2022.

Dunnie “Dick/Friar” Richard Tuck Jr. M.A. ’69 of Picayune, Mississippi, died April 3, 2022.

George Samuel Newman J.D. ’70 of Saint Louis, Missouri, died April 20, 2022.

George Thomas Ackerson M.B.A. ’71 of Plano, Texas, died Dec. 25, 2021.

Jane Pindar Reilly
M.Ed. '71, Ed.D. '91
of Williamsburg died
June 13, 2022.

Peter Anthony Frey
J.D. '73 of Richmond,
Virginia, died June 9,
2022.

Gerald Peter O'Keefe
M.B.A. '73 of Mount
Pleasant, South Car-
olina, died Feb. 24,
2022.

Robert "Bob" Howard
Belvin M.B.A. '76 of
Salem, Virginia, died
May 16, 2022.

Hon. Michael "Mike"
James Cummings
J.D. '78 of Virginia
Beach, Virginia, died
March 9, 2022.

S. "Larry" Lawrence
Dumville J.D. '78
of Virginia Beach,
Virginia, died May 16,
2022.

Sally Ann Tabakin
Weintraub M.Ed. '79
of Norfolk, Virginia,
died May 7, 2022.

Thomas "Jake" Paul
Rose M.Ed. '80 of
Naples, Florida, died
March 5, 2022.

Sharon Kay Bolin
Russell M.Ed. '80 of
Myrtle Beach, South
Carolina, died April
21, 2022.

Robert "Bob" S.
Rausch J.D. '81 of
Miami, Florida, died
June 24, 2022.

Jean Burton Wyant
J.D. '81 of Forest,
Virginia, died May 15,
2020.

Elinor Dee Sosne
J.D. '82 of Arlington,
Virginia, died Dec. 15,
2020.

Kathy Marie Palmer
M.Ed. '83 of Fort
Belvoir, Virginia, died
June 16, 2022.

Michael James Pierce
M.Ed. '85 of Beaver,
Pennsylvania, died
May 24, 2022.

Tina Lynn Kannarr
J.D. '86 of South Pas-
adena, California, died
March 26, 2022.

Glenda Elizabeth
White M.B.A. '86 of
Williamsburg died Feb.
11, 2022.

Donald "Don" Robert
McKillop J.D. '87 of
San Diego, California,
died May 21, 2022.

Jonathan Yates Short
J.D. '87 of Raleigh,
North Carolina, died
Feb. 3, 2022.

Thomas "Tom" Wil-
fred Andres M.B.A.
'89 of Baldwinsville,
New York, died Feb. 2,
2022.

Jean Marie Hernon
Kallus J.D. '89 of
Montgomery, New
York, died April 10,
2022.

Carolyn Bosta
Warrick Ed.D. '91
of Charlottesville,
Virginia, died Dec. 31,
2021.

Marianne Eva Greg-
ory M.B.A. '94 of
Acworth, Georgia, died
Feb. 13, 2022.

Ausborn Bruce Wil-
liams M.B.A. '94
of Virginia Beach,
Virginia, died Feb. 10,
2022.

Meredith Christine
Hines M.B.A. '00 of
Yorktown, Virginia,
died March 30, 2022.

Timothy Ray Jenney
M.B.A. '04 of
Owasso, Oklahoma,
died April 4, 2022.

Stephen B. Ramage
M.B.A. '08 of Spring,
Texas, died March 2,
2022.

Connor Reid Garstka
J.D. '16 of Richmond,
Virginia, died Feb. 13,
2022.

FACULTY

Morton Eckhause of
Williamsburg died
May 25, 2022.

Louis Reams Hundley
of Lexington, Virginia,
died March 26, 2022.

Henry Earl McLane
Jr. of Williamsburg
died March 11, 2022.

Alfred "Al" Nye Page
II of Tampa, Florida,
died March 31, 2022.

Kenneth L. Webb of
Richmond, Virginia,
died May 25, 2022

STAFF

Barbara "Barb"
Jeanne Salins Flint
of Williamsburg died
April 15, 2022.

Jerry Wayne Holle-
man of Williamsburg
died March 2, 2022.

Lotha Jean Jennette
of Williamsburg died
Feb. 16, 2022.

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Charles "Charlie"
Augustus Banks III
HON '05 of Glouces-
ter, Virginia, died June
27, 2022.

John "Til" Tilghman
Hazel Jr. D.P.S. '05
of Broad Run, Virginia,
died March 15, 2022.

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